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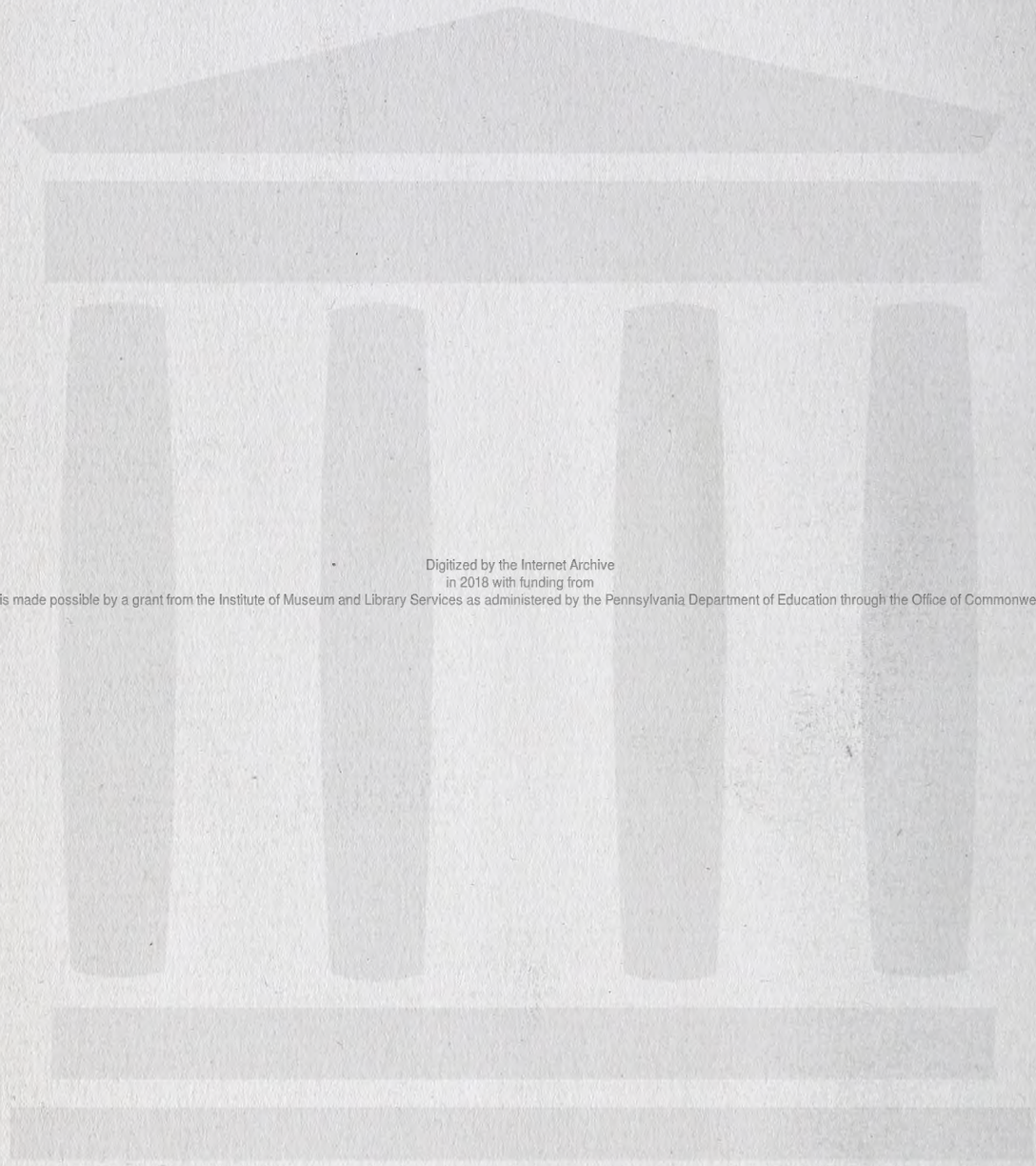
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PROCEEDINGS DIRECTING THE PUBLICATION.

IN GRAND LODGE OF UNITED STATES,

September Session, 1867.

Representative Lamberton, of Pennsylvania, moved the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary be directed to have five hundred copies of the Revised Journals for 1863-4-5-6-7, bound in uniform style with the preceding volumes, so as to constitute Vol. V., and, when completed, a copy of said volume be furnished to each member of this Grand Lodge.

See Journal, page 4213.

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JAMES L. RIDGELY, C. S.

PREFACE.

In obedience to the proceedings of the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, to be found on the preceding page, authorizing a republication of the Journal of that Body, the undersigned, charged with that duty, now presents to the fraternity the third edition of that work, with a new Index, prepared at his instance, by P. G. Rep. F. A. Ellis, of Maryland, whose experience as an active member of the Grand Lodge for many years, affords the most ample assurance that his work will commend itself to the approbation of the Brotherhood. This publication differs from the former or second edition in several important particulars; it excludes the Digest; it omits the reports of D. D. G. Sires, and all returns of expulsions and rejections, and such extraneous matter as had no necessary connection with the legislation of the Body, thus compressing into five compact volumes the whole work of the Grand Lodge from 1821 to 1867, inclusive. It has been deemed advisable to depart from the plan adopted in the second edition. Instead of combining the two, the present plan separates the Index from the Digest, and makes them entirely distinct works, the former referring exclusively to the legislation of the Body in a continuing series, without distinguishing between repealed or obsolete laws and those now in force, but embracing the whole legislation of the Grand Lodge, and the latter applying itself exclusively to a Digest of the law as it now exists, without including antecedent conflicting legislation.

The portraits of P. G. Sires Nicholson and Veitch, of G. Sire Sanders, and that of P. D. G. Sire Herndon, especially ordered to be included, embellish the work, which is in all respects a faithful record of the legislation of the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, and is produced in a style of mechanical execution not inferior to either of the former editions.

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Friendship, Love, and Truth.

ANNUAL COMMUNICATION

OF THE

Grand Lodge of the United States,

Held in the City of Baltimore, September, 1863.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 1863—9 o'clock A. M.

The R. W. Grand Lodge assembled this day, being the regular Annual Communication, when, upon a call of the roll, the following members were found present:

OFFICERS:

JAMES B. NICHOLSON.....M. W. Grand Sire.
JAMES L. RIDGELY.....R. W. G. Cor. and Rec. Secretary.
JOSHUA VANSANT.....R. W. Grand Treasurer.
REV. I. D. WILLIAMSON.....R. W. Grand Chaplain.
B. W. DENNIS.....R. W. Grand Marshal.
AUGUSTUS PFAFF.....R. W. Grand Guardian.
JOHN E. CHAMBERLAIN.....R. W. Grand Messenger.

And Representatives from eighteen Grand Lodges and ten Grand Encampments, as follows:

FROM GRAND LODGES.

P. G. James Young.....Maryland.
P. G. M. Geo. Smith.....Southern New York.
P. G. M. R. A. Lamberton.....Pennsylvania.
P. G. Wm. B. Hyland.....Delaware.
P. G. M. Wm. Chidsey.....Ohio.
P. G. Benjamin Buckley.....New Jersey.
P. G. J. Y. Allison.....Indiana.
P. G. M. Isaac M. Veitch.....Missouri.
P. G. M. J. Griswold.....Illinois.
P G. M Thomas C. Hollis.....Connecticut.
P. G. M. Elisha Clarke.....Maine.
P. G. M. D. H. Wright.....Wisconsin.
P. G. M. Erie J. Leech.....Iowa.
P. G. P. James Terwilliger.....Northern New York.
P. G. C. C. Hayden.....California.
P. G. Wm. L. Boydston.....Nebraka.
P. G. M. Cornelius A. Logan.....Kansas.

FROM GRAND ENCAMPMENTS.

P. G. P. Joseph B. Escavaille.....Maryland.
P. G. William H. Hopkins.....Pennsylvania.
P. G. John W. Carlton.....Ohio.
P. G. P. C. G. Cady.....Kentucky.
P. G. P. M. B. Scott.....Connecticut.
P. G. Ira C. Doe.....Maine.
P. G. John T. Sanders.....Indiana.
P. G. M. H. O. Wilson.....Wisconsin.
P. G. William Garrett.....Iowa.

No quorum being present, the Chair announced the appointment of the following Committee on Credentials, by authority of the thirteenth article of the Constitution, section one:

Committee on Credentials.—Reps. Terwilliger, of Northern New York; Escavaille, of Maryland; Stokes, of Pennsylvania; Doe, of Maine; Garrett, of Iowa.

Rep. Terwilliger, of Northern New York, from the Committee on Credentials, made the following report, which, on motion of Rep. Young, of Maryland, was adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Credentials find the following brethren duly accredited as Representatives to this Grand Lodge:

FROM GRAND LODGES.

P. G. M. Joseph L. Lamb.....New Jersey.
P. G. M. Wm. N. Dixon.....Indiana.
P. G. F. A. Ellis.....Maryland.
P. G. M. James E. Bidwell.....Connecticut.
P. G. M. Benj. M. Parker.....New Hampshire.
P. G. Geo. T. Kay.....Delaware.
P. G. John W. Menzies.....Kentucky.
P. G. M. James P. Sanders.....Northern New York.
P. G. Thos. T. Smiley.....Tennessee.
P. G. M. Wm. L. Wemmell.....Southern New York.

FROM GRAND LODGES—continued.

P. G. M. JOHN ALEX. SIMPSON.....Pennsylvania.
P. G. J. L. BROWNE .....California.
P. G. M. JOHN M. ARMSTRONG, (vice ADAMS, resigned).....Kentucky.
P. G. M. JOHN R. PIPER.....District of Columbia.
P. G. M. JOHN F. DRISCOL.....Rhode Island.
P. G. J. FLETCHER WILLIAMS.....Minnesota.
P. G. M. EDWARD P. BURNHAM.....Maine.
P. G. M. STODDARD JUDD.....Wisconsin.
P. G. EDWARD A. RUCKER.....Illinois.
P. G. J. M. LITTLEFIELD, (appointed,).....Tennessee.
P. G. JOHN F. HAVENNER, (vice STUART,).....District of Columbia.
P. G. M. JOS. KIDDER, (appointed to fill vacancy caused by resignation of E. C. STONE, from).....New Hampshire.
P. G. M. JACOB F. SCHEIFFER.....Missouri.
P. G. M. ENOS H. TUCKER, Jr..... .....Massachusetts.
P. G. M. C. W. HUNT, (vice B. W. DENNIS, resigned).....Michigan.
P. G. M. SAMUEL LEONARD, (vice P. G. M. S. B. KROGMAN, resigned,).....Massachusetts
P. G. M. F. M. FOSTER.....Michigan.
P. G. M. JOHN H. WHEELER.....Ohio.
P. G. M. H. C. BINGHAM.....Canada West.
P. G. M. A. G. HOVEY, (vice H. A. CONNINGHAM, resigned,)Oregon.

FROM GRAND ENCAMPMENTS.

P. G. P. DAVID SIMS.....Illinois.
P. G. H. P. WM. R. MCLEAN.....District of Columbia.
P. G. P. WM. H. THOMPSON.....Missouri.
P. G. M. E. D. FARNSWORTH.....Tennessee.
P. G. P. NATHANIEL T. KIMBALL.....New Hampshire.
P. G. HENRY KIMBALL.....California.
P. G. ISAAC TAPPING.....Northern New York.
P. G. P. RICHARD MARLEY.....Maryland.
P. G. M WM. F. SLATER.....Ohio.
P. G. M. JOHN W. STOKES.....Pennsylvania.
P. G. M. GEO. W. CASSEDY.....New Jersey.
P. G. P. H. N. GUNN.....Massachusetts.
P. G. P. THOS. B. MCCARTY.....Indiana.
P. G. P. J. B. GILMAN..... .....Michigan.
P. G. P. JOHN J. DAVIES.....Southern New York.
P. C. P. JOHN P. FOSS, (vice JOHN C. SMITH, who will not be in attendance,).....Illinois.
P. C. P. GEO. W. HAM.....Rhode Island.

Respectfully submitted.

JAS. TERWILLIGER,
J. W. STOKES,
WM. GARRETT,
IRA C. DOE,
JOS. B. ESCAVAILLE.

A quorum being now present, Rev. Bro. I. D. WILLIAMSON, R. W. Grand Chaplain, addressed the Supreme Ruler of the Universe in prayer, as follows:

Almighty God, our Heavenly Father! We give thee most hearty thanks, that, in thy good providence, we have been spared through the labors and vicissitudes of a year fraught with perils and dangers, and that we are here in Grand Lodge assembled. We pray that thou wilt help us to appreciate the great truth

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that, without thy blessing no human enterprise can permanently succeed or prosper. That blessing we ask upon our beloved Order throughout the earth—and especially that thou wilt regard with gracious favor, thy servant the Grand Sire, and the officers and members of this Grand Lodge. Imbue them plenteously with the Spirit of thy wisdom, that they may be enabled to adopt such measures and such only as will tend to the promotion of the best interests of our great fraternity, and the advancement of the cause of Friendship, Love and Truth. Hear thou our prayer and answer us in mercy, and to thy great name be the glory forever. Amen.

The Deputy Grand Sire examined the Representatives, and declared them duly qualified, whereupon, by order of the Chair, he proclaimed the Grand Lodge open for the transaction of business.

On motion of Rep. SANDERS, of Northern New York, the reading of the Journal of the last session was dispensed with, and it was approved as printed.

The Chair presented the following communication from D. G. Sire WM. H. YOUNG, and, with the sanction of the Grand Lodge, appointed P. G. M. WM. CHIDSEY, of Ohio, R. W. Deputy Grand Sire, *p. t.*

BALTIMORE, September 20th, 1863.

JAMES B. NICHOLSON, Esq., M. W. Grand Sire, I. O. O. F.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER: I deeply regret the necessity that constrains me to inform you that I cannot be present at the opening of the R. W. Grand Lodge to-morrow morning. For a week past I have been stricken by a severe illness. I labored hard and hopefully until now to be well enough to meet you, but I find it impossible to do so without peril. I trust to be present before the close of the communication. Convey to the R. W. Grand Lodge, if you please, my congratulations at the return of its session under cheering auspices. Will you please have the cause of my absence entered upon the Journal.

Fraternally yours in the bonds of F. L. T.

WILLIAM H. YOUNG, D. G. S.

The M. W. Grand Sire then submitted his annual report, which is as follows:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES: The first duty of Odd-Fellows has been appropriately performed by the Worthy Grand Chaplain, in expressing our thanks to ALMIGHTY GOD for his fatherly care over us and our beloved Order during the past year, and in invoking the continuance of HIS divine favor in the future. We have, amid our sorrow, many causes of thankfulness—to enumerate them, would be to recite the history of our lives; but we feel to-day that there is one crowning joy that, in itself, should cause our souls to swell with gratitude and thanksgiving to GOD. Our Order still maintains its vantage ground in the cause of humanity. Tried as human institutions seldom are, it still stands comparatively unharmed by the whirlwinds of men's passions that have swept around it. The reports that come up from the different jurisdictions, although naturally showing somewhat diminished numbers, yet exhibit a great brotherhood firmly united for purposes of human benefaction, and carrying out with a zeal and activity never surpassed the simple yet sublime objects of our fraternity. So conspicuous have been the efforts of the brotherhood in ministering to the wants and soothing the sufferings of others in these calamitous times, that already, in some jurisdictions, has a reaction from the recent depression commenced. Many

who have witnessed the kindly ministrations of the Order have sought and obtained admission to our councils. Becoming partakers of our labors, they now rejoice in their affiliation. If we are faithful this will undoubtedly continue, and our ranks will be swollen beyond their former proportions. When the losses and gains of the Order are finally summed up, it will no doubt be found that what at one time seemed to threaten the Order with destruction has, on the contrary, added to its strength, power, and usefulness. The fierce winds have only sent its roots deeper into the soil of the affectionate hearts that have loved and cherished it, and will add to the number of the partakers of its heavenly fruit. Grateful for the past, GOD guiding us in the present, we can go forth fearlessly into the cloudy future, knowing that success must eventually crown the efforts of those engaged in the cause of GOD and humanity.

Permit me, Representatives, to congratulate you upon the recurrence of the annual session of the Grand Lodge of the United States. To many of you it is not novel, but none the less delightful, to exchange fraternal greetings with brothers from remote jurisdictions, whom you have met and loved in years gone by. Others clasp here, for the first time, friendly hands that have been separated by rivers, lakes, mountains, and plains. Material agencies have done their work and brought you together. Odd-Fellowship unites you at once in affection, interest, and inclination. The lessons that you have learned at your widely scattered and far distant altars, you have brought with you to this common centre, and in a moment, at the first flash of recognition, the teachings of the Order have banished the feeling of strangeness, and you meet as friends and brothers, animated by the same hopes and fears, and having a common object in view, the spread and triumph of Odd-Fellowship. I sincerely trust the present Annual Communication will have the effect of still further strengthening the bonds of our Fraternity—of renewing and increasing the sympathetic ties by which the brothers are held in unity.

Having no policy to define, or course of legislation to recommend, I leave with you, in consonance with our laws, the entire responsibility of the supreme legislature, well satisfied that the power is well placed and will be worthily employed. The wishes and wants of your immediate constituents will doubtless be faithfully represented, and your resolves be equally beneficial and acceptable to the entire Brotherhood. Duty requires the submission to your review of my official acts during the past year. Their nature and rarity indicate unmistakeably, not only the absence of serious difficulties, but the existence of harmony in the Order, so far as my correspondence can lead to a determinate conclusion.

Application was made from the jurisdiction of Vermont for the A. T. P. W. After due consideration the request was complied with, in order that the brothers might not be deprived of one of the most important privileges of the Order, and in hopes that the depressing influences under which the Order in Vermont appears to be laboring would be speedily overcome. Later advices do not confirm the hopes that I then entertained. D. Deputy Grand Sire James Mitchell, under date of July 28th, 1863, writes in a despondent tone of the condition of the Order, fearing that the Grand Lodge of Vermont would surrender its charter. His letter will be submitted, in full confidence that, if it is in the power of the Grand Lodge of the United States to aid in reviving Odd-Fellowship in Vermont, no endeavor on your part will be wanting in the accomplishment of so important a purpose.

P. G. M. Thomas G. Steele, of Western Virginia, in behalf of many brethren in that locality, applied for the A. T. P. W. and the A. P. W. of the Degree of Rebekah. Mail communication between the Grand Master of Virginia, residing at Norfolk, and the brethren residing in the western portion of that jurisdiction, being almost entirely suspended and unsafe, justified such action as was necessary to preserve the connexion between the members of the Order in Western Virginia and other jurisdictions. Believing myself warranted by the circumstances of the case, I directed the P. W.'s to be transmitted.

A petition for a warrant to institute a Grand Lodge, to be located at Wheeling, Virginia, was received on the 23d of last June. The petition was signed by the representatives of seven Subordinate Lodges, having one hundred and twenty-six Past Grands. The petitioners prayed for immediate action on my part in

order that the Grand Lodge might be instituted on the 31st of July, the day to which the convention had adjourned. In my reply to the petitioners I declined acting upon the subject, leaving it to await your deliberations, at the same time calling their attention to the fact that the petition was signed by the representatives of only *seven* Lodges, whereas the Amendment to Art. iv. of the By-Laws of the Grand Lodge of the United States, adopted at the Annual Session of 1859, (Jour. p. 3096, 3097, 3116,) requires at least *ten* Subordinate Lodges to unite in petitioning for a Grand Lodge to be instituted. No answer has been received to my communication, nor has the informality of the petition been removed by presenting the legal number of applicants. In this condition of affairs it is unnecessary to advert to any of the questions that would naturally arise in considering the prayer of the petitioners.

The deep interest that I feel, in common with you, in the prosperity of the Order, almost tempts me to offer some suggestions in relation to the Lodges in Western Virginia. Their situation is peculiar; but I leave to your wisdom the consideration of the propriety of the Grand Lodge assuming any supervision over their operations during the pending troubles in the country. Cut off from their parent Grand Lodge, they certainly need instruction and authority to enable them to continue in effective working order.

The Report of the R. W. Grand Treasurer will exhibit, in addition to the ordinary financial account of that officer, a statement of the transfer to his care and the investment of the funds received from the estate of Past Grand Sire Wildey. The usual marked regard for the interests of the Grand Lodge, and the care and attention displayed by the R. W. G. C. and R. Secretary and the R. W. Grand Treasurer, relieved me from any trouble in relation to the investment directed at the last session. Their action will no doubt secure, as it deserves, your cordial approval.

Various communications have been received during the year, asking for instructions or decisions in relation to those brothers who have been and remain deprived, by the existing troubles in the country, of the ordinary legal modes of connecting themselves with Lodges in the localities to which the brothers have removed. I have uniformly refrained from making any decision upon any point connected with those cases, referring the brothers to your action at the last session, declaring "it inexpedient at this time to legislate upon the subject."

The decisions made during the recess, upon points of law submitted to me by Grand Representatives, Grand Masters, or Grand Patriarchs, are comparatively few in number. In some instances I have merely copied from the record the language of previous decisions; in others I have somewhat amplified the original language; but, in all cases, have endeavored to be guided by the principles upon which the spirit and letter of the law is founded, with what success it will be for you to determine. To your consideration the decisions are respectfully submitted.

1. The Junior Past Grand is not strictiy an officer of the Lodge; but it is his duty to occupy the chair of the Past Grand for one term, and deliver the Past Grand's charge to candidates at initiation. It is therefore improper to elect him to any office in the Lodge.

2. A Grand Master has no right to take the chair of a Noble Grand to prevent that officer submitting an illegal motion. If the Noble Grand persists, in violation of law and his obligations, it is the duty of the Grand Master to inform the Lodge that unless it shall require its officers to conform to the law he will proceed against it for insubordination. The official relations of a Grand Master are not with the Noble Grand, but with the Subordinate Lodge itself, in its Lodge capacity.

3. The proceedings had by Lodges when open in a particular degree, whether for the purpose of ballot or conferring degrees, are distinct from the ordinary Lodge proceedings, and must be recorded in a distinct minute book, or in a separate portion of the regular minute book.

4. A Subordinate Lodge does not become a Degree Lodge although it confers the first five degrees of the Order on its members. All its powers are derived from its charter as a Subordinate Lodge; therefore the "Form" enacted by the Grand Lodge of the United States for "opening and closing Degree Lodges" does not apply to Subordinate Lodges.

5. The Grand Sire has no legal right to authorize a Grand Master to comunicate the A. T. P. W. to a brother holding a withdrawal card, to enable him to visit a Subordinate Lodge. A Grand Master or other elective officer of a Grand Lodge may, if properly satisfied, vouch for and introduce a brother holding an unexpired withdrawal card into any Subordinate Lodge in the jurisdiction to which the Grand Officer is attached.

6. A member in good standing in a Lodge or Encampment may be elected to and installed into office in the Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment to which his Lodge or Encampment is subordinate, although he does not reside in the State in which the Grand Body is located, *provided* there be no prohibition in the local law.

7. Members of the Manchester Unity of "Odd-Fellows," who retain their connexion with that organization, cannot be admitted to membership in our Order.

8. Members of our Order cannot unite with the Manchester Unity, or any other organization of "Odd-Fellows," without severing their connection with the Order and violating the primary duty they owe to Odd-Fellowship. They are prohibited from countenancing or encouraging any "Order of Odd-Fellows," except the preserver of the ancient landmarks in Odd-Fellowship and the only true authority—the Independent Order of Odd-Fellows, working under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of the United States, or jurisdictions recognised thereby.

9. An Encampment that "works" in the German and English languages may have two sets of charge books, one set in each language.

Custom, and probably wisdom, seems to enjoin an occasional recurrence to our doctrines, so as to increase the difficulty of mistaking the teachings of our Order, or misunderstanding the true scope of Odd-Fellowship. Happily for us we have the benefit of the instructions of the past. Not only are our fundamental laws well established, the course of our legislation clearly marked, but the initiate who desires to thoroughly understand the cardinal doctrines of Odd-Fellowship finds in our ritual the great elementary truths upon which our Order is based, portrayed with such clearness and effect that he is enabled to comprehend their ennobling influences, and to recognise their practical applicability to man's present social condition.

Odd-Fellowship is an ethical government, a sovereignty within itself; self-controlling and independent. Within its own prescribed sphere its authority is supreme. Its members acquiesce in the teachings of its faith, and are required to yield obedience to its laws and decrees. Outside of its own boundaries, Odd-Fellowship never presumes to pass, except in doing good to mankind, for that is the limit of its existence. It punishes the violators of its obligations, yet it has no physical power; all its forces are moral agents. To be declared unworthy of membership by the Brotherhood is the heaviest punishment that the Order inflicts—the greatest degradation that an Odd-Fellow can suffer. LOVE is the central principle by which the Order is governed, the power that gives potency to its resolves. The cohesion of the Order, its perpetuation, depends upon an adhesion to the established principles of its ritual and its fundamental laws, and upon the incessant recognition by the Brotherhood of the great principle of UNIVERSAL FRATERNITY.

Odd-Fellowship aims at nothing less than the conquest of the world, the establishment of a universal empire over the minds and hearts of the human race, in order to redeem man from selfishness and raise humanity, above the influences that debase it, to that elevated plane of consciousness and duty befitting intelligent beings who were created but a "little lower than the angels." The weapons of its warfare were fashioned in heaven, divinely tempered and fitted to the hand of man to fight the great battle against vice that must continue to be fought until the Christian virtues and graces are cherished in each heart, and LOVE sways its mild sceptre over all the sons of men. When misery has no suffering that human spmpathy can alleviate, then will earth's family rejoice in the triumph of FRIENDSHIP over egotism, LOVE over hatred, and TRUTH over falsehood.

In bringing men of opposite opinions, of dissenting creeds and clashing prejudices to the standard of a common humanity, to the recognition of an UNIVERSAL BROTHERHOOD, Odd-Fellowship attempts no impossibilities. Believing the result

to be attainable within certain restrictions, it employs means that are philosophical in their conception and simple in their application. The Unity of the Brotherhood contemplated in our Order is not that uniformity and sameness of mind and sentiment when aggregated that have been the day-dreams of many, against which Nature records her million-voiced protest and human mind instinctively recoils; but that sublimer harmony that springs from diversity, where each differing element, with its peculiar power, contributes to produce a single effect, every individual striving to ameliorate the ills to which humanity is subject. The theory or system that fails to recognise the dissimilitude of opinions, or that attempts to render them uniform, but adds another sectary or special organization to those already existing, thereby creating another division in society. Our Order wisely, as we think, brings men together of varied position in the social scale, without regard to the place of their birth, their political affinities, or the particular shrine before which they bow in worshipping ALMIGHTY GOD; positively interdicting the discussion, within the Lodge room, of topics upon which the members are divided in the world. Odd-Fellowship then commences the work of fraternization by opening up to the minds of those who tread its courts the whole field of human benefaction and duty, making known the universally accepted truths upon which our Order is based—the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of Man being the foundation stones. The spirit of fraternity thus inculcated diffuses its kind and genial characteristics over the minds and hearts of the brothers, gradually approximating them to that unity of action and practical illustration of CHARITY which have hitherto secured the triumphs of the Order, and are calculated to scatter its peaceful blessings over the earth, for wherever men dwell there may Odd-Fellowship be established—it is a synonym of HUMANITY.

The office-work of our Order is to execute the behests of CHARITY; run with willing feet upon her errands of mercy; to learn to love to do good, not expecting grateful returns, but for Charity's own sweet sake, and for the resultant effects upon our own hearts, that all the dormant powers of our own souls may be quickened, and aid the divine spark that resides within us in its upward longings for a "something better." Amidst clouds and darkness, with direful tempests sweeping above and around him, the true Odd-Fellow stands serene in his faith; he knows that "behind the clouds the sun is still shining," and that the flood of sunshine so long promised will burst through and shed its external radiance over GOD'S creation. In the mean time humanity remains discrowned. Influences foreign to our Order sway mankind. Too well do we know that the long catalogue of human ills is not diminished. LOVE points with sadness, in all directions, to suffering objects demanding our compassion—nay, worthy of all the gushing affections and charitable actions that are bound up in what we, in the poverty of speech, term sympathy. The supreme authority in Odd-Fellowship, speaking now as it has always spoken, sends to the entire Brotherhood under its jurisdiction, with deepened convictions of its efficacy and a heartfelt sense of its needfulness in the cause of suffering humanity, the oft repeated injunction—"WE COMMAND YOU TO VISIT THE SICK; RELIEVE THE DISTRESSED; to BURY THE DEAD AND PROTECT THE ORPHAN."

Grand Representatives, with high and humane purpose have you assembled. May the vast interests of our noble charity continue to fill your souls with corresponding grandeur of thought, and elicit harmony of action! May HE who governs in the affairs of men direct your deliberations by the influence of His Holy Spirit, that, as co-workers of the Infinite Mind, you may be instrumental in the accomplishment of good, and earn the rich rewards promised to the doers of GOD'S Word!

JAMES B. NICHOLSON, *Grand Sire.*

The report of the M. W. Grand Sire having been read—

On motion of Rep. BURNHAM, of Maine, it was referred to a committee of three, for the purpose of distributing the several subjects therein reported to appropriate committees.

The Chair named Reps. BURNHAM, of Maine, KAY, of Delaware, and DIXON, of Indiana, as the committee.

On motion of Rep. SIMPSON, of Pennsylvania, a committee of three was appointed to draw for seats, to be occupied by the respective Representatives of the jurisdictions subordinate to this Grand Lodge, after the manner heretofore adopted and pursued.

The Chair named Reps. SIMPSON, of Pennsylvania, MARLEY, of Maryland, and PIPER, of District of Columbia, as the committee.

Rep. SIMPSON, of Pennsylvania, from the special committee on that subject, made the following report, which was adopted, and the Representatives were seated in conformity thereto:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The special committee appointed by this R. W. Grand Body to draw seats to be occupied by the respective jurisdictions during the present session, having performed the duty assigned to them, report the following as the result, to wit:

Massachusetts.....1, 2, 3	Michigan.....51, 52, 53
Southern New York.....4, 5, 6	Tennessee.....54, 55, 56
Kansas.....7	Vermont.....57
New Hampshire.....8, 9, 10	Indiana.....58, 59, 60, 61
Oregon.....11	Rhode Island.....62, 63
California.....12, 13, 14	Ohio.....64, 65, 66, 67
Pennsylvania.....15, 16, 17, 18	Maine.....68, 69, 70
Maryland.....19, 20, 21, 22	Wisconsin.....71, 72, 73
Iowa.....23, 24, 25	New Jersey.....74, 75, 76
Delaware.....26, 27	Texas.....77, 78, 79
Canada West.....28	Louisiana.....80, 81, 82
Missouri.....29, 30, 31	Alabama.....83, 84, 85
District of Columbia.....32, 33, 34	North Carolina.....86, 87, 88
Nebraska.....35	South Carolina.....89, 90, 91
Connecticut.....36, 37, 38	Arkansas.....92
Illinois.....39, 40, 41, 42	Mississippi.....93, 94, 95
British Lower Provinces.....43	Georgia.....96, 97, 98
Northern New York.....44, 45, 46	Virginia.....99, 100, 101, 102
Kentucky.....47, 48, 49	Florida.....103
Minnesota.....50	

All of which is respectfully submitted in F. L. T.

J. ALEX. SIMPSON,
RICHARD MARLEY,
J. R. PIPER.

Rep. HOPKINS, of Pennsylvania, moved the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the time for the session of this Grand Body will be to meet at 9 A. M.; take a recess for thirty minutes at 12 M., and adjourn at 3½ P. M.

The R. W. Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary submitted his annual report, as follows:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The undersigned, your R. W. Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary, as required by law, respectfully submits the following Report. The subjoined resolutions detail the several duties devolved upon him during the recess:

1. *Resolved*, That the R. W. Grand Secretary cause to be printed five hundred copies of the daily Journal for the use of the Grand Representatives at the present session, and that ten copies of the revised Journal be printed and furnished each member, after the adjournment, for distribution.

2. *Resolved*, That the R. W. Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary be and he is hereby authorized to settle with the Grand Encampment of Iowa, the Grand Lodge of Vermont, and the Grand Lodge of Nebraska, by taking their several obligations for the sums respectively due from them, bearing interest at six per cent., and payable three years from the first day of November, 1862.

3. *Resolved*, That the R. W. Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary be and is hereby authorized to contract with Bro. JAMES YOUNG, of the city of Baltimore, for the printing of eight thousand copies of the revised Journal of the proceedings of the present session, in accordance with his proposals, herewith submitted, and marked "Accepted."

4. *Resolved*, That the R. W. Grand Secretary be requested, after each session, to insert at the end of the Journal of Proceedings of this Grand Lodge, in the form of an appendix, all resolutions which properly come under the denomination of "*Standing Resolutions*," so that the same be readily accessible when reference thereto is desired.

5. *Resolved*, That the Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary be empowered to have prepared such index and digest as in his judgment may be appropriate and suitable to accompany the revised Journals now in course of publication, and that the revised Journal of the present session be added to the fourth volume of said Journal.

6. *Resolved*, That so soon as the new edition of the Journal and Digest be published, a complete copy thereof shall be presented by the Grand Recording and Corresponding Secretary to each of the members of this Grand Lodge.

7. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding seven hundred dollars be appropriated from the treasury of this Grand Lodge, as compensation to the person or persons who may be selected by the R. W. Grand Secretary to prepare the Digest and Index ordered by this Grand Lodge, and that the R. W. Grand Secretary be authorized to draw his drafts for the same at such times and in such sums as may be by him considered necessary.

8. *Resolved*, That the R. W. Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary be requested to cause 2,000 copies of his Eulogy on the life, character, and labors of the late P. G. Sire THOMAS WILDEY, to be printed in the German language, for distribution by the Representatives among our German Brother Odd-Fellows, provided the same be translated free of expense to the Grand Lodge.

9. *Resolved*, That the R. W. Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary be directed to send to each member of this Grand Lodge, by mail, *five* copies of the last day's proceedings of this Grand Lodge.

10. *Resolved*, That the Right Worthy Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary forward to the Representatives of Grand Bodies subordinate to this Grand Lodge who are absent from the session the same number of copies of the proceedings of this Right Worthy Grand Lodge, and other documents furnished to the Representatives of the R. W. Grand Body, and also furnish the Grand Secretary of such Grand Bodies not here represented the same number of copies of proceedings and other documents as are furnished to the Grand Secretaries of those Grand Bodies represented here this day.

11. *Resolved*, That for the purpose of bringing the subject of the Wildey Monument Fund intelligibly before the Order, the Corresponding Secretary be and he is hereby directed to address a circular letter to each Grand Body respectively, requesting them to submit the subject to their several Subordinates, and that such sums as may be contributed by individual brothers or Lodges or Encampments may be received by the Grand Secretaries or Grand Scribes of such jurisdictions, by them to be forwarded to the Grand Corresponding Secre-

tary, to be placed by him in the Treasury of the Grand Lodge of the United States, to be held by the Grand Treasurer in special trust, as the Wildey Monument Fund.

12. *Resolved*, That the R. W. Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary be requested to furnish each member of this Grand Lodge twenty copies of the very able Eulogy pronounced by him on the life and labors of P. G. Sire WILDEY, for distribution.

13. *Resolved*, That the Grand Secretary be instructed to forward to the Representatives of this Grand Lodge, as soon as printed, the balance of the daily proceedings of this session of the R. W. Grand Lodge.

14. *Resolved*, That, four weeks previous to the holding of any session of this Grand Lodge, it shall be the duty of the Grand Secretary, through one daily paper of each of the cities of Baltimore, Philadelphia, and New York, to invite proposals for the printing of the Journal of this Body, the printer to furnish the necessary paper, and to stitch and cover the Journal, ready for distribution—the printing to be done according to the style of the revised Journal, and the matter to be stereotyped and the plates to be delivered to the Grand Secretary, in good order, as the property of the Grand Lodge of the United States, as soon as a sufficient number of copies are struck off to meet the purposes of the law requiring the distribution of the proceedings, which number the Grand Secretary must state, as near as practicable, in the advertisement And such proposals for the said work as may be received shall be filed away by the Grand Secretary, with their seals unbroken, until twelve o'clock noon of the first day of the session therein designated, after which time no more proposals shall be received, and such as shall have been received shall be placed in the hands of the Committee on Printing, to be by them opened, examined, and decided upon.

15. *Resolved*, That in future the Grand Secretary be directed to advertise for proposals for printing the Daily Journal, not to exceed 500 copies daily, as directed by the 28th By-Law for printing the Revised Journal, and the said proposals be required to be handed in to the Grand Secretary at least ten days previous to the meeting of the Grand Lodge, and the same be opened by the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer, who shall award the contract to the lowest and most responsible bidder.

The first resolution was carried into effect.

In virtue of the authority conferred by the second resolution, the account of the Grand Encampment of Iowa has been closed, by note, bearing interest, which has been paid over to the Grand Treasurer. The accounts of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska and the Grand Lodge of Vermont still remain open.

The third resolution has been executed as directed, and I have the pleasure of reporting that Bro. JAMES YOUNG has complied in all respects with his contract.

Such resolutions as were understood by the Corresponding Secretary to come within the meaning of "Standing Resolutions" have been collated, and inserted at the end of the Journal of Proceedings of the last session, as required by the fourth resolution.

In obedience to the fifth resolution, soon after the close of the last session I addressed a letter to Grand Rep. F. A. ELLIS, of the jurisdiction of Maryland, inviting him to undertake the preparation of such Index and Digest as in my judgment would be appropriate and suitable to accompany the Revised Journal in course of preparation. The plan adopted by the Corresponding Secretary, which has already been suggested to the Grand Lodge, was to separate the Index from the Digest, and make them entirely distinct works, the former, referring exclusively to the legislation of the Grand Lodge in a continuous series, without distinguishing between repealed or obsolete laws and those now in force, but embracing the whole legislation of the Grand Body, and the latter applying itself exclusively to a digest of the law as it now exists, without including antecedent conflicting legislation. Bro. ELLIS promptly accepted the invitation, and entered at once upon the work. The Index has been partially supplied by Bro. ELLIS, and is thus far in the hands of the printer, with a reasonable expectation of being completed and out of the press, if not during the session, certainly at no very distant day thereafter. The Digest it is proposed to publish in a separate and independent volume, for ready and convenient use; this work is also in progress by

Bro. ELLIS, and will be reported in manuscript, or proof form, for the consideration and approval of a committee of the Grand Lodge, before being put to press. I regret to say that from recent advices received from Bro. ELLIS he will not be ready to make his Report on the Digest at this session. There has been received from the binder one hundred and fifty copies each of volume one and two, newly bound, and also one hundred and fifty copies of volume three of the new Journal, with new title page and re-numbered; being the old fourth volume, which was on hand; the remaining volume awaits the Index.

The sixth resolution will be carried into effect as soon as the new edition of the Journal shall have been published and is ready for distribution.

The authority conferred upon the Corresponding Secretary by the seventh resolution has been exercised in part during the recess. A draft for one hundred dollars has been made upon the Treasurer in favor of Bro. ELLIS for account of the Index to the Journals in the course of preparation by him.

In conformity to the eighth resolution, it would have been a source of great pleasure to the Corresponding Secretary to have caused the Eulogy upon the life, character, and labors of the late P. G. Sire WILDEY to be printed in the German language, for distribution among the German Brethren, who now comprise a large and valuable membership in many of the jurisdictions, but no satisfactory arrangement could be made to that end, upon the terms prescribed in the resolution.

The successful translation of an Oration, Poem, Eulogy, Drama, or other kindred work, requires an essentially different order of mind than the mere rendition of a simple narrative from one language to another. The former demands scholarship and genius, whilst the latter may be fully gratified by a literal rendition of the text. Entertaining these views, and inasmuch as the only offers made to perform the translation free of expense proceeded from parties desirous of obtaining the printing of this work, the Corresponding Secretary did not hesitate to defer the subject for the further consideration of the Grand Lodge, satisfied that this course would, under all the circumstances, be approved.

The ninth resolution has been complied with.

In so far as it was practicable, the tenth resolution has been obeyed. The unchanged state of the country, since the last session, forbids all communication with Southern and Southwestern jurisdictions.

In obedience to the eleventh resolution, the Corresponding Secretary addressed a circular letter to each Grand Jurisdiction upon the subject of the Wildey Monument Fund, accompanied by a copy of the entire proceedings of the Grand Lodge in the premises. This circular was issued immediately after the last session, and it is believed was received by the proper officers of all the Grand Bodies within reach of the United States mails.

I am not in possession of sufficient returns to enable me to present a satisfactory statement at this time of the aggregate contributions to the Wildey Monument Fund, and will therefore defer a report on the subject until full materials are in hand, during this session. From the returns received, it is very evident that a very generous contribution will be made from every jurisdiction where the circular of the Corresponding Secretary has been received. The whole amount contributed, and the names of the Lodges, Encampments, and individual Brothers making these contributions, will appear in my Supplementary Report. I respectfully recommend that the names of the contributors be published in the Appendix to the Journal, and be likewise engrossed on parchment, for preservation in the archives of the Order, and that a copy be also deposited in a suitable case, in the foundation of the Monument.

The twelfth and thirteenth resolutions have been complied with.

The fourteenth and fifteenth resolutions have been also carried into effect; copies of the advertisements prescribed therein to be made by the Grand Secretary accompany this Report. The proposals received are herewith presented.

Under the authority of the fifteenth resolution, the Grand Secretary caused the advertisement therein detailed to be made in the daily papers of New York, Philadelphia, and Baltimore. The proposals received have been considered by the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary, and the contract awarded to Bro. JAMES YOUNG, the only bidder, a copy of which accompanies this Report.

The Journals of Proceedings of the Several State jurisdictions have been received, as follows:

Grand Lodge of Maryland, bound volume, 1860, 1861, 1862, 1863.
" " Massachusetts, pamphlet, August 7, 1862.
" " Pennsylvania, November 19, 1862.
" " Ohio, May 12, 1863.
" " New Jersey, November 12, 1862.
" " Kentucky, Nov. 5, 1861, Sept. 2, 1862, Oct. 28, 1862.
" " Indiana, Nov. 18, 1862, May 19, 1863.
" " Missouri, May 19, 1863.
" " Illinois, October 14, 15, and 16, 1862.
" " Connecticut, Feb. 18, 1863.
" " Maine, August 12, 1862.
" " Michigan, January 21, 1863.
" " Wisconsin, January 21, 1863.
" " Iowa, October 25, 1862.
" " Northern New York, August 19, 1862.
" " Canada West, August 6, 1862.
" " Kansas, Oct. 14, 1862.
" " California, May, 1863.
" " Delaware, January, 1855, to September, 1861, inclusive.
" " Tennessee, October, 1862.

Grand Encampment of Maryland, February and August, 1863.
" " Pennsylvania, Nov. 17, 1862.
" " Kentucky, Oct. 29, 1862.
" " New Jersey, October 8, 1862.
" " Massachusetts, August 6, 1862.
" " Missouri, May 21, 1863.
" " Indiana, Nov. 18, 1862, and May 19, 1863.
" " Northern New York, Aug. 20, 1861, Aug. 10, 1862.
" " Illinois, October 14, 1862.
" " California, May, 1863.
" " New Hampshire, August, 1863.

It is gratifying to perceive how rapidly this collection of the proceedings of the various State Jurisdictions is accumulating at the seat of the Grand Lodge, the value of which to the Representatives, as a means of reference for local legislation, and to the Order at large as a record of its general progress and detailed statistics, will continue to increase from year to year.

The Corresponding Secretary submits the following summary of the condition and progress of the Order during the past year, derived for the most part from the correspondence of his office. The continued unsettled state of the country has had the same effect, as in the past two years, of interrupting intercourse with most of the Southern and Southwestern jurisdictions.

Australia.—The condition of Odd-Fellowship in Australia is believed to be the same as reported at the last session. The power to arrange with the Grand Lodge of Victoria, at Melbourne, proper terms for a consolidation of the Order in that jurisdiction, with the Grand Lodge of the United States, was committed to Bro. T. Rogers Johnson, by virtue of a commission confided to him in blank, authorized by the M. W. Grand Sire, and approved by the Grand Lodge at the last session. I have not, at the time of the preparation of this report, received from Bro. Johnson any advice as to the progress of this interesting negotiation, but have no doubt that it has received his earnest attention, and that a full report will be made by him at an early moment.

Canada West.—An earnest zeal and interest has prevailed among the Brotherhood of this jurisdiction, and, as a consequence, the Order prospers.

I am in possession of a very interesting communication from Bro. James Smith, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge, accompanying the annual report, dated London, Canada West, August 31, 1863. This paper is full of interest,

manifesting, as it does, not only the prevalence of a generous co-operation with us in the cause of Odd-Fellowship and its great mission, but also an earnest sympathy with us as a people in our national troubles. The length of the letter forbids its insertion as a whole. I therefore annex only the following extracts:

"Odd-Fellowship, I am proud to say, is very much in the ascendant, notwithstanding the obstacles it has had to encounter in Canada. We are bound to prosper, for we now have and are getting those among us who are the right kind of men. I have never seen such a good feeling as exists at the present time."

"All the brethren here deeply deplore the troubles in your land, and our sincere prayers here are that the great Giver of all good will soon restore you to peace and unity."

Lower Provinces of British North America.—We have every reason to be gratified with the steady success of Odd-Fellowship in this community. The Lodges continue to enjoy a reasonable prosperity.

Michigan.—The report of this Grand Lodge, among the first received, indicates the continued healthful progress of the Order in the State. Advices from the very efficient and prompt Grand Secretary, dated August 17, 1863, represent that we may expect "a full delegation at the present session from Michigan, and as good a one as this Grand Lodge ever sent—all live Odd-Fellows and active men; that the last year has been a most prosperous one for the Order." The statement is fully borne out by the annual report. This State has made a liberal contribution to the Wildey Monument Fund, $263.16, which accompanies the report.

Maine.—The annual report of the Grand Lodge of Maine is received in good season. Bro. EDWARD P. BANKS, the worthy Grand Secretary, accompanies the report with the information "that the Order in Maine may be said to be improving, especially in Portland, Saco, Biddeford, Lewiston, Union, and other localities. So soon as the Lodges begin to work, as we think they will presently, the Encampments will naturally feel the impulse. Wildey Monument Fund Contribution, $71.50."

Massachusetts.—Brother CHARLES D. COLE, the Grand Secretary of this jurisdiction, in forwarding his annual report, writes, under date of September 7, as follows:

"I have the pleasure of reporting at this time a great gain in the numerical strength of the Order in Massachusetts. It will be seen by the reports that the admissions have been two hundred and seventy-eight, and the suspensions, withdrawals, and expulsions only one hundred and seventy-two, being a larger gain than has before occurred in this State for ten or twelve years, and the prospects and appearances are that Odd-Fellowship is again about to become as popular as it was from 1845 to 1850.

"The Patriarchal branch of the Order is also in a sound and healthy condition. The Encampments of Boston have added largely to their numbers during the past year.

"The Lodges and Encampments of Boston have lately fitted up new and spacious apartments for the use of the Order in this city, and also for Grand Lodge Office, Library," &c.

New Hampshire.—The annual report of this State is received, from which it appears that, whilst there is a decrease in the number of Lodges, there is a considerable gain in the aggregate of membership, and a general prosperity prevails.

Vermont.—In my last annual report I took occasion to say that Odd-Fellowship in Vermont needed the fostering hand and care of the Grand Lodge of the United States. This remark was suggested by information received of the very feeble condition into which the Order had fallen, by reason of the absence from the State of very many of the young men who had joined the army, and by the further reason of financial embarrassments arising from unavoidable and necessary litigation in defence of the laws of the Order. In view of the utterly exhausted condition of the Treasury of the Grand Lodge, application was made to be relieved from the Representative tax. This request was declined, not from any want of sympathy on the part of the Grand Lodge of the United States with our brethren in Vermont, but in conformity to a long-established and fixed policy of the Lodge not to remit any indebtedness to it, but to trust to the future prosperity and ability of all embarrassed jurisdictions for the discharge of all liabili-

ties to it. Accordingly, the Corresponding Secretary was authorized to adjust the account of the Grand Lodge of Vermont, and to liquidate the same by taking its corporate note, payable with interest, at such deferred periods as he might approve. This disposition of the subject did not give satisfaction to the Brotherhood, and advice received from that State, dated July 28 last, expresses great doubts of the ability of the Grand Lodge to survive its then approaching annual session in August. The Corresponding Secretary made an earnest appeal to the brethren to struggle on to the present session of the Grand Lodge of the United States, in the hope that some relief might be afforded to the jurisdiction. The report of D. D. Grand Sire JAMES MITCHELL, who has perseveringly exerted himself in his office, shows that the Patriarchal branch is in like feeble condition. Ascutney and Excelsior Encampments have each ceased to exist. Brother MITCHELL, notwithstanding the gloomy condition of the Order, expresses the hope that a successful effort will be made to save it.

Rhode Island.—I have been favored with a highly interesting letter from the worthy Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Rhode Island, which reflects lasting honor upon the administration of Odd-Fellowship in that jurisdiction. Herewith I present the letter in detail, that the facts may be portrayed at length:

"During the past year a department of work was commenced by the M. W. Grand Master, C. H. MALCOM, and has been the means of doing much good for the Order throughout the country. A Committee of Visitation was appointed for the aid of those soldiers at Portsmouth Grove Hospital, in this State, who may be members of the fraternity. On visiting the hospital, (which then contained over two thousand,) a printed message was distributed to each person, in which it was requested that every member of the Order report to the Grand Master his name, the name of his Lodge, residence, regiment and and company, and nature of his wound or sickness. This was done, and among the two thousand inmates of the hospital we discovered many who were connected with the Order. The matter was then brought to the notice of Rhode Island Lodge, No. 12, as being nearer the hospital than any other, which appointed a committee of seven for the purpose of visiting the hospital weekly and affording any needed aid and comfort to the persons mentioned. At the same time the Grand Master entered into correspondence with their respective Lodges in every portion of the country, informing them of the situation of their members and asking for instruction in regard to their relief. In reply, he received many grateful acknowledgments and authority to furnish money and other aid. In some instances he was empowered to spend as much as thirty dollars and fifty dollars for a single member. This work has imposed great labor and tax upon the time of the M. W. Grand Master, as he has kept a book containing a copy of all letters, and has made a list embracing the particular facts connected with each name; but no work ever afforded him more pleasure, or ever, in my judgment, fulfilled, within the limits of this Grand Lodge, mork completely the noble and humane precept, to 'visit the sick and relieve the distressed.'

"The committee continue to visit the hospital, and we are carrying out the principles of the Order to the letter."

"The Order in this State," Bro. DRISCOL remarks, "remains about the same as during the last year. We have had a few initiations, and our suspensions are less, and I should think we have now thoroughly purged the Lodges, and we shall begin to increase."

Southern New York.—On the 8th day of August I received the annual report of the Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment of this jurisdiction, from the very efficient Grand Secretary and veteran Odd-Fellow, Bro. JNO. J. DAVIES. In the communication accompanying these reports he informs me "that the returns from the Subordinates show an increased vitality, and greater interest during the past year, the initiations being more than for several years past." The jurisdiction contributes two hundred dollars to the Wildey Monument Fund. I cannot close this brief reference to the Order in New York without expressing my extreme sorrow to learn from Bro. DAVIES that his private affairs have compelled him to decline a re-election to the office of Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Southern New York, a position which he has so faithfully and efficiently filled for the last fourteen years. It has been my fortune to have had much and valued official

correspondence with this Brother during all of this period and I am quite sure that his successor, however able and zealous, will find all his resources heavily taxed to surpass Bro. DAVIES in usefulness and fidelity to the Order, which he has so long loved and served.

Northern New York.—I learn from Grand Secretary, WM. H. H. PRALL, of this jurisdiction, "that the membership has decreased but little during the past year, and notwithstanding the war, they have done remarkably well."

New Jersey.—The very efficient Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of New Jersey has rendered his report with his accustomed promptitude, from which it appears that the Order has maintained itself well, notwithstanding the difficult circumstances of the country and the heavy draft upon the membership for military service.

The report of the Grand Encampment of New Jersey was received on the 25th August. Bro. THEO. A. ROSS, the worthy Grand Scribe, writes that "the interest in that branch of the Order is improving, and it promises well for the future."

Pennsylvania.—The annual report of the Grand Encampment and also of the Grand Lodge of this great jurisdiction in Odd-Fellowship were received, with the accustomed promptitude of the very valued and long-experienced Grand Secretary and Grand Scribe, Bro. WILLIAM CURTIS. Of the condition of the Order in Pennsylvania he writes, under date of July 23, as follows, in reference to the Patriarchal Branch:

"The report made this year shows a slight decrease in our membership, but a comparison of this with the one made in 1862 shows a larger amount of receipts, and also a larger amount dispensed in the way of relief.

"The Patriarchal branch af the Order in this jurisdiction is in a flourishing condition, notwithstanding the elements that we have to contend against."

And in relation to the Grand Lodge, under date of August 15, as follows:

"This report shows a larger amount of receipts than the one made in 1862; while our membership has decreased near one thousand, it also shows that the relief which has been extended has been greater than former years. The Lodges in this jurisdiction are increasing in membership, and I trust the day is not far distant when Pennsylvania will report, as in former days, that she has 46,000 in membership."

This State sends a list of contributions to the Wildey Monument Fund amounting to over $1,000, which, I am advised by Grand Secretary CURTIS, will be considerably increased.

District of Columbia.—From this jurisdiction I have the reports of the Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment, with accompanying communications from Bro. P. H. SWEET, Grand Secretary, and Patriarch J. C. C. WHALEY, Grand Scribe. The former represents "the Order in the District to be in a healthy condition, and will continue to be, so long as its pure and heaven-born principles influence the hearts and control the lives of its members. Principles based upon the religion of the Cross must ultimately triumph, and my prayer is that our light may shine forth, and our good work become manifest to all around us." The latter, Patriarch WHALEY, remarks "that during the last six months of the term, and since, the Encampment branch of she Order has improved very much, there having been an increased number of initiations, and an increasing activity among the older members."

Delaware.—The report of this jurisdiction was received in proper season, accompanying which I am advised, by the valued Grand Secretary, Bro. EDW. MCINTYRE, that "the Order under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Delaware is in as good condition as could be expected, considering the unhappy state of the country. Financially, the Lodges generally are in very good circumstances."

Maryland.—The esteemed Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Maryland, Bro. J. B. ESCAVAILLE, on the 20th August supplied the annual report of that body, with his accustomed promptness. The condition of the Order in this State is detailed by him in the following interesting remarks:

"In submitting this report, it affords me sincere pleasure to state that the Order in Maryland, notwithstanding our unhappy surroundings, is full of life and energy. It is true there has been a slight decrease in the membership during the year; but in the matter of relief to the sick, the amount paid for the aid of

widows, the education of orphans of deceased brothers, the voluntary donations for charitable purposes, and the present financial condition of the Subordinate Lodges, the report will compare favorably with that of any former year, and will prove that Maryland has been true to the great fundamental principles of Odd-Fellowship.

"The subscriptions to the 'Wildey Monument Fund'—but recently commenced in consequence of the annual communication of the Grand Lodge being held the latter part of April—are progressing with considerable spirit, and, judging from the reports that have reached this office, can be safely estimated to be not less than one thousand dollars."

Missouri.—Bro. CHARLES C. ARCHER, the valued Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Missouri, has supplied the annual report of that Grand Body in good season. Accompanying the report, he writes, under date of the 28th of August, as follows: "By reference to the report, you will see that the Order in Missouri is not making as rapid progress as in years gone by; but, when we consider the circumstances which for the last two years have surrounded us, we have good reason to rejoice at the spirit and energy displayed by the membership. This gives us an earnest assurance that upon the return of peace our progress will be more rapid and sure than it has ever been. The subscriptions to the Wildey Monument Fund will not be as large as we could wish, probably not over four hundred dollars—About twenty cents for each member. Should the matter lie over for another year we may do better."

Illinois.—Odd-Fellowship in this great State is still prosperous. The annual report, forwarded in season by Grand Secretary JAMES E. STARR, shows a very gratifying progress during the past year. Increase in initiations nine hundred and sixty-seven, and an aggregate membership of over five hundred, making a total of membership six thousand eight hundred and thirty-six. Total of relief, $7,649.11. Contribution to Wildey Monument Fund, $237.

Connecticut.—The annual report from this jurisdiction is received. It shows that our Order maintains itself in about a *statu quo* condition, which Grand Secretary Bro. LUCIUS A. THOMAS believes will be much improved after the return of peace.

Indiana.—Our Order owes its present very prosperous condition in this great jurisdiction to the energy and vigor of administration displayed by the State Grand Bodies, and to the untiring zeal and assiduity of its executive officers. In the language of the distinguished Grand Secretary, Bro. E. H. BARRY—

"It is truly gratifying to present Odd-Fellowship in Indiana so presperous and efficient. A comparison of our present with our former reports will show that our initiations in the last have more than doubled those in the previous year; our admissions by card and reinstatements largely increased; suspensions and expulsions greatly diminished; our resources augmented, and the amount of disbursements for relief and charity far more formidable. At the disruption of the peace and prosperity of the country, when the worst evils were apprehended, we determined that the greater the exigency the greater the necessity for maintaining our Order, adhering to its principles and practicing its humane and benevolent requirements. How effectually we have carried out our purpose our reports will show."

This State has done nobly for the Wildey Monument Fund, having already contributed over six hundred dollars to that object.

Ohio.—The highly gratifying state of the Order in Ohio is so fitly described by the worthy Grand Secretary, Bro. W. C. EARL, in his favor of the 25th ultimo, accompanying the annual report of the Grand Lodge, that it is needless for me to add any thing to his own words, which are as follows:

"In transmitting my annual report of the condition of Odd-Fellowship in Ohio, it affords me great pleasure to say that at no period has the Order seemed to rest upon a more solid basis than at present. War has drawn our brethren to the 'tented field,' death has brought mourning into many households, but the spirit of Friendship, Love, aad Truth warms up the hearts of our people, and incites them to an exemplification of our teachings. We have suffered losses, but they have been in great measure made good by accessions to our ranks from the

'outer world.' My opinion is, that the next report from this jurisdiction will be still more encouraging than the present."

I herewith submit a certified copy of the amended Constitution of the Grand Encampment of Ohio, forwarded for the approval of the Grand Lodge of the United States.

Kentucky.—The annual report of the Grand Lodge and Grand Encanpment of Kentucky was received on the 19th August, from the very efficient Grand Secretary, Bro. WILLIAM WHITE. He furnishes the following gratifying intelligence as to the condition of the Order:

"I am sorry again to say that I have not received full returns from the Subordinates of this jurisdiction, but am happy to report that as far as received they exhibit new life and general prosperity, the most of them showing a good work both in admissions, revenue, and disbursements for benevolent and charitable purposes; while the admissions fall below the demissions for the year, yet, by comparing the work with that of last year, we have an increase by additions to the membership of 127 per cent., and an increase of revenue of 27½ per cent., and in the amount of relief, &c., extended, 15 per cent. Evidently the good star in this jurisdiction is in the ascendancy, and I feel confident that our next annual report will make a still better and more cheering exhibit than the present." Wildey Monument Fund, $150.

Tennessee.—I have much pleasure in communicating the gratifying intelligence that the reports of the Grand Lodge and of the Grand Encampment of Tennessee have been received, and to say to you that, after a painful and affiicting separation of two years, our hearts will be made to rejoice by the presence among us at this session of the Representatives of this much-valued jurisdiction. Let us, with deep-felt gratitude, render thanks to a kind and ever-protecting Providence, who has vouchsafed to the Order this happy reunion, and let us humbly trust in the same over-ruling power for an early return of all our scattered tribes to the common fold. I am indebted to Grand Representative FARNSWORTH for full details of the severe trials and suffering through which the Order has passed in Tennessee; reduced, amid the conflicts and varying fortunes of the contending armies, to the verge of annihilation, yet surviving all its trials, and again, under the guidance of the true spirit which characterizes it, at earnest labor to repair its fallen fortunes, and with large hopes of eminent success.

Wisconsin.—The very prompt and valued Grand Secretary of Wisconsin has forwarded the annual report of the State, accompanying which he writes as follows:

"The Order in Wisconsin is now in a very prosperous condition, and considering the state of the country during the past year, and that so many good and true Odd-Fellows are now serving in the ranks of the Union army, we have every reason for congratulation. Many of the weaker Lodges have ceased to work, owing to the hurrying of their members away on the field of battle, but those that remain prove by their acts that the Order is still alive, and is doing its own good work in its proper sphere.

"I am sorry not to send you a more favorable report of our Grand Encampment. We have held our own as far as heard from, several Encampments not having yet reported, and fourteen Lodges are yet behind in their statistics, which would greatly increase our report. I was in hopes to have them all in this year by the 1st of September, and I find that mild entreaty does not effect the purpose."

Iowa.—The annual report from the jurisdiction of Iowa is encouraging. Bro. WM. GARRETT, the much esteemed Grand Secretary, writes, under date of the 26th August, as follows:

"I think the Order is more healthy than it was a year ago. We will lose a few more Lodges, but the members generally join others, and it will be better in the end, as our Lodges were often too close to each other. I think as our members return home they will take more interest in the Order than formerly, when we will increase rapidly. I cannot say so much for the Encampment branch. We have lost one this year, but have gained six in the aggregate membership. Four or six of our Encampments are flourishing, the rest not doing much. We will do our best, and trust for a better time."

California.—My advices from California are up to August 15, 1863, when the

annual report was transmitted by the distinguished Grand Secretary Bro. T. ROGERS JOHNSON—accompanying which he also forwards a draft for $1,680.00, being the contributions from that State to the Wildey Monument Fund. I regret that I am not in receipt from that Brother of his usual summary of the condition of the Order. The report, however, speaks for itself, showing Odd-Fellowship in California to be still onward in its march and unabating in its prosperity. Eighteen new Lodges have been formed during the year, and nearly one thousand new members added, swelling the aggregate membership to over six thousand. The total amount applied for relief, during the year, reaches $33,000.

Since writing the above I am in receipt of a further favor from Grand Secretary JOHNSON, dated August 22, in which he writes as follows: "I believe at no time since the establishment of the Grand Lodge have the prospects of the Order in this State been as flattering as at present; we are constantly adding to our list of Lodges and Encampments, and, as a natural result, the membership increases. A great deal of our present prosperity is no doubt owing to the fact of the San Francisco Lodges having purchased and fitted up a Hall that gives them all the comforts and conveniences that the Order needs, and being of itself one of the best buildings in this city, (the cost of which was about one hundred and twenty-five thousand dollars, all of which has been paid,) it gives character and credit to the Order, and being assisted by perhaps the best library on this coast, we would certainly be wanting in zeal and energy if we did not prosper."

Minnesota.—The annual report from Minnesota has reached me, accompanying which Bro. SHERWOOD HOUGH, the Grand Secretary, writes as follows:

"The report shows a marked improvement in the condition of our Order in this State. The number of initiations has more than doubled; reinstatements have quadrupled; expulsions *reduced to nothing;* and a favorable reduction of the number suspended for non-payment of dues, while our annual receipts have increased nearly *fifty per cent.* over last year. From all which I feel warranted in saying that our beloved Order in this jurisdiction is in a far more healthy condition than it was at the date of my last annual report."

Oregon.—I have great pleasure in reporting that our Order prospers in this distant jurisdiction. Advices from the esteemed Grand Secretary, Bro. CHESTER N. TERRY, dated Salem, July 27, 1863, represent "that Odd-Fellowship in Oregon during the past year has been on the increase, and our prospect for the future is bright, fully up to the times."

I herewith submit the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Oregon touching the transfer of the Patriarchal Order in that State to the jurisdiction of California; also the proceedings of the said Grand Lodge in the matter of the seat of Grand Representative BARNUM, at the session of 1861.

Kansas.—The annual report of this Grand Lodge is received, showing quite a healthy state of administration, the initiations during the year having reached the number of fifty-five. Bro. BURDETT, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Kansas, writes as follows, under date of 29th July:

"As will be seen, by comparing this with my last annual report, we have two Lodges *less*, but a slight increase in initiations and membership. Our annual receipts exceed those of last year $856.90, showing that those who are enrolled under the banner of Friendship, Love, and Truth are not forgetful of their high calling, but with pure hearts and clean hands are ever ready to discharge every duty imposed upon them as members of this great brotherhood.

"I should have been proud to have announced a larger list of Lodges, and expected to have done so, as steps have been taken looking to the organization of three or four, but the condition of the country—and this *State* in particular—is such that we are compelled to move slowly and cautiously at present, but hope for better days ere long."

Far West Encampment, located at Leavenworth, is in good condition.

Nebraska.—The report of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska was despatched by the Grand Secretary, Bro. W. L. BOYDSTON, on the 13th of August, but has failed to reach me. I learn, however, from Bro. Boydston, who has reached this city, that the Order has had a prosperous year in that jurisdiction, the membership having materially increased, and the prospect for the future being better than it has ever been.

Sandwich Islands.—I have great pleasure in reporting that our Order prospers in this remote community. The returns of Excelsior Lodge for the term ending December 31, 1862, and June 30, 1863, are received. I present the following extracts from a very interesting letter received from Bro. R. A S. WOOD, the zealous and efficient D. D. Grand Sire of that jurisdiction, dated San Francisco, June 20, 1863. The subject referred to by Bro. Wood is one of great interest, and I commend it to the earnest attention of the Grand Lodge:

"Excelsior Lodge," says Bro. WOOD, "is in as good condition as could be expected from the commercial changes taking place at the Islands, and the attention and interest given by all Americans to the great struggle going on in their own country. We all trust and pray that peace may soon alight upon our dear country, and the cords of brotherhood be drawn around all, and discord be banished from the land. Polynesian Encampment has made no progress for the past year. I should recommend that it be allowed to retain its charter, provided it makes proper reports. From careful thought and observation, I think if the law could be so amended as to place the Order in the Sandwich Islands under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of California it would add much to the comfort and usefulness of all parties. We cannot hope to increase much for years to come, and as some of our members are in the habit of visiting California frequently, we could enjoy the privilege of a Grand Lodge, which is now denied to us. I attended the recent session of the Grand Lodge of California, and was highly gratified to witness the wonderful progress of the Order in that State."

I also submit a letter from the Lodge, dated Honolulu, July 1st, 1863, enclosing the dues, $32.73, and asking the appointment of a D. D. Grand Sire, in the room of P. G. R. A. S. WOOD, removed.

Washington Territory.—I am without advices during the year from this remote jurisdiction.

No reports have been received from the jurisdictions of Virginia, North Carolina, Georgia, Mississippi, Alabama, Texas, Arkansas, Florida, and New Mexico. I have nevertheless had correspondence with our much esteemed brother, Past Grand Sire ROBERT B. BOYLSTON, of South Carolina, since we last met, and with Past Grand Master THOS. G. STEELE, of Virginia. With the former the correspondence has been conducted under the privilege of flags of truce, and has been, of course, confined within stringent rules and narrow limits. I have great pleasure in communicating to you that the heart of the Past Grand Sire still beats true to the integrity and unity of our beloved Order. He advises me that no movements have been made in the South unfriendly to this great object. At his instance, and by permission of the military authorities in command at Baltimore, I sent to the Past Grand Sire copies of the Journal of the last two sessions, and gave him, in so far as the limits prescribed for such correspondence would permit, a general view of the condition of the Order. To the communication I had the pleasure of receiving a reply, by flag of truce, acknowledging the receipt of the documents, and expressing his sincere thanks therefor.

I also received a leter from N. L. HILL, Past Grand Master of Virginia, dated Norfolk, May 16, 1863, acknowledging the receipt of the ordinary blanks, sent out from this office for Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment reports. This communication informs me that his, Bro. HILL'S, "duties as Grand Master had ceased, and that he did not know who, if any person, had been chosen as his successor."

I am also in receipt of a formal application from Lodges Nos. 3, 12, 28, 33, 37, 47, 59, 64, 82, 134 and 135, all located in Western Virginia, representing one hundred and seventy-three Past Grands, praying for a charter to establish a Grand Lodge in the State of West Virginia. This communication, with the accompanying papers, is herewith submitted.

I have also had communication indirectly with the jurisdiction of Louisiana. On the 19th January, 1863, I received a letter from Bro. N. B. KNEASS, brother of our late lamented Past Grand Sire, HORN R. KNEASS, dated Philadelphia, informing me that he had just returned from New Orleans, where he had several interviews with the Grand Secretary of the State, from whom he learnt that no tidings had been received from this office for two years, and requesting copies of the Journals of the Grand Lodge of the United States for 1861 and 1862. Bro. KNEASS very kindly

offered to forward them safely, if sent to him at Philadelphia. Accordingly a parcel was made up, enclosing these Journals and other papers, and transmitted to Bro. KNEASS. I also sent the usual blank forms for annual reports, and Representative certificates, by mail. I regret that I have received no acknowledgment of the receipt of these remittances.

Returns have been received during the year from—

Excelsior Lodge, No. 1, Honolulu, Sandwich Islands, term ending Dec. 31, 1862.
Green Mountain Encampment, Vermont, term ending Dec. 31, 1862, and June 30, 1863.
Ridgely Encampment, No. 1, Nebraska, term ending Dec. 31, 1862.
Far West Encampment, No. 1, Kansas, term ending Dec. 31, 1862.

The following statement represents the amounts for each specific purpose received from each Grand jurisdiction and Subordinate Lodge and Encampment, under this Grand Body, during the past fiscal year. The several amounts received have been paid into the Treasury, vouchers for which accompany this report—a supplementary report will be made of the further receipts during the session.

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS *of Grand Secretary for the fiscal year commencing September* 16, 1862, *and ending September* 1, 1863.

GRAND LODGES.	Balance.	Cards.	Books.	Odes.	Diplomas.	Miscellaneous.	Representative Tax.	Total.
Maryland	.....	$80 00	$40 00	.....	$1 50	.....	$150 00	$271 50
Massachusetts	.....	50 00	32 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	82 00
S. New York	.....	100 00	31 25	$3 00	.....	.....	.....	134 25
Pennsylvania	.....	200 00	62 50	25 00	.....	.....	150 00	437 50
Ohio	.....	400 00	182 50	25 00	20 00	.....	150 00	777 50
Delaware	.....	40 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	150 00	190 00
New Jersey	.....	100 00	119 50	.....	.....	.....	150 00	369 50
Kentucky	.....	100 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	150 00	250 00
Missouri	.....	90 00	12 50	.....	.....	.....	150 00	252 50
Indiana	.....	.....	105 00	.....	.....	.....	155 00	255 00
Illinois	.....	80 00	60 00	.....	.....	.....	150 00	290 00
Maine	.....	19 60	.....	.....	75	$0 25	.....	20 60
New Hampshire	.....	80 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	150 00	230 00
Michigan	.....	80 00	27 50	.....	.....	.....	150 00	257 50
Iowa	.....	120 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	150 00	270 00
California	.....	260 00	171 26	10 00	50 00	8 48	150 00	649 74
Canada West	$113 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	113 00
Kansas	.....	40 00	35 00	.....	.....	.....	75 00	150 00
Oregon	.....	20 00	30 00	.....	.....	.....	75 00	125 00
Nebraska	.....	.....	.....	.....	4 50	1 10	.....	5 60
	113 00	1859 60	909 01	63 00	76 75	9 83	2100 00	5131 19

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS—*Continued.*

GRAND ENCAMPMENTS.	Miscellaneous.	Diplomas.	Cards.	Books.	Representative Tax.	Total.
Maryland	.....	.....	$10 00	.....	$150 00	$160 00
Pennsylvania	.....	.....	.....	.....	150 00	150 00
Ohio	.....	.....	60 00	$15 00	150 00	225 00
Kentucky	.....	.....	.....	.....	75 00	75 00
New Hampshire	.....	.....	.....	38 00	75 00	113 00
Michigan	.....	.....	.....	.....	75 00	75 00
Indiana	.....	.....	.....	.....	150 00	150 00
Iowa	.....	.....	.....	.....	75 00	75 00
New Jersey	18	$12 00	5 00	.....	75 00	92 18
California	.....	.....	.....	.....	75 00	75 00
	18	12 00	75 00	53 00	1050 00	1190 18

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS—*Continued.*

	Miscellaneous.	Dues.	Cards.	Total.
Delaware Encampment, No. 1, Delaware.	.....	$31 84	.....	$31 84
McDonald Encampment, No. 2, Delaware	.....	4 26	.....	4 26
Union Encampment, No. 1, C. W.	.....	2 90	.....	2 90
Far West Encampment, No. 1, Kansas	.....	9 40	.....	9 40
Green Mountain Encampment, No. 3, Vt.	.....	1 00	.....	1 00
Ridgely Encampment, No. 1, Nebraska	.....	2 30	.....	2 30
Franklin Lodge, No. 13, Virginia	.....	.....	$4 80	4 80
Memphis Lodge, No. 6, Tennessee	.....	.....	24 20	24 20
Concord Lodge, No. 134, Virginia	12	.....	2 40	2 52
West Virginia	$30 00	.....	.....	30 00
	30 12	51 70	31 40	113 22

The revenue of the year up to and inclusive of the 1st day of September, 1863, amounts to $6,434 59

Due on that day, and payable during the session, (exclusive of the Southern jurisdictions) 2,225 00

In addition to this revenue from the ordinary sources, there has also been received from JAMES L. RIDGELY, administrator of THOMAS WILDEY, deceased, the entire balance due from that estate, with interest, amounting to 6,089 80

Making an aggregate of $14,749 39

Of this amount the sum of $8,650.59 is the revenue proper of the year, which presents nearly as gratifying a state of finances as appeared at the last session—the receipts then reported (exclusive of the sum of $1,000, for account of the Wildey debt) being $,9,208 66. The report of the Grand Treasurer is referred to for details of finance. Under the difficult circumstances in which the business concerns of the country have been involved for the last two years, we have reason to be gratified at this exhibit of our finances.

Upon a review of the annual reports, it will be found that the general condition of the Order is better than at the last annual session.

Since we last met there has been no substantial change in the condition of our country; notwithstanding, our Order is still preserved unscathed amid the storm and perils which environ it. How grateful should we be to the Almighty Disposer of human events, that by His mercy and providence we are still clinging to our altars and cherishing our great mission of love. Amid the riot of human passion, Odd-Fellowship still lifts its voice of peace and good-will among men, feeble though it may be, yet nevertheless persistent and earnest, and, like the oasis of the desert, presenting one green spot upon which men of all opinions may meet and mingle in sacred fellowship.

Let us, Brethren, remember, in view of the great blessing vouchsafed to us of perfect freedom from the desolations which prevail, that "in God we trust," and that from Him "proceedeth every good and perfect gift."

JAS. L. RIDGELY, *C. and R. Secretary.*

BALTIMORE, *September* 21, 1863.

The report of the R. W. Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary having been read—

On motion of Rep. DAVIES, of Southern New York, it was referred to the same committee to whom was referred the M. W. Grand Sire's report.

Rep. ESCAVAILLE, of Maryland, moved the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the members of the Order who have attained the proper rank may be admitted within the Grand Lodge during its deliberations, when properly vouched for and introduced to the Grand Guardian by the Representatives, respectively, from the State jurisdictions to which the visitors may be attached.

Rep. BURNHAM, of Maine, moved the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the R. W. Grand Secretary cause to be printed five hundred copies of the daily Journal, for the use of the Grand Representatives at the present session, and that ten copies of the revised Journal be printed and furnished each member, after the adjournment, for distribution.

Rep. DAVIES, of Southern New York, moved the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the Book of Diagrams and secret work be placed, after to-day, in the hands of the R. W. D. Grand Sire during the session, for the use and benefit of the Representatives only.

The Chair announced the following as the Standing Committees:

Committee on the State of the Order.—Reps. SANDERS, of Northern New York; CHIDSEY, of Ohio; ESCAVAILLE, of Maryland; STOKES, of Pennsylvania; MCCARTY, of Indiana.

Legislative Committee.—Reps. CASSEDY, of New Jersey; CADY, of Kentucky; GRISWOLD, of Illinois; LAMBERTON, of Pennsylvania; SMILEY, of Tennessee.

Committee on Correspondence.—Reps. TUCKER, of Massachusetts; BUCKLEY, of New Jersey; CARLTON, of Ohio; HAYDEN, of California; ARMSTRONG, of Kentucky.

Committee on Finance.—Reps. VEITCH, of Missouri; ELLIS, of Maryland; FARNSWORTH, of Tennessee; KIDDER, of New Hampshire; BURNHAM, of Maine.

Committee on Appeals.—Reps. DAVIES, of Southern New York; DOE, of Maine; HOPKINS, of Pennsylvania; RUCKER, of Illinois; FOSTER, of Michigan.

Committee on Constitutions.—Reps. BOYDSTON, of Nebraska; LEECH, of Iowa; ALLISON, of Indiana; SCOTT, of Connecticut; MENZIES, of Kentucky.

Committee on Petitions.—Reps. WRIGHT, of Wisconsin; SMITH, of Southern New York; HUNT, of Michigan; KIMBALL, of California; THOMPSON, of Missouri.

Committee on Returns.—Reps. CLARK, of Maine; SANDERS, of Indiana; SIMPSON, of Pennsylvania; DRISCOL, of Rhode Island; SCHIEFER, of Missouri.

Committee on Printing.—Reps. WILSON, of Wisconsin; HYLAND, of Delaware; MCLEAN, of District of Columbia; HOLLIS, of Connecticut; WILLIAMS, of Minnesota.

Committee on Mileage and Per Diem.—Reps. Logan, of Kansas; BROWNE, of California; WEMMEL, of Southern New York; BIDWELL, of Connecticut; SLATER, of Ohio.

Committee on Grand Bodies Not Represented.—Reps. TERWILLIGER, of Northern New York; LAMB, of New Jersey; GARRETT, of Iowa; MARLEY, of Maryland; FOSS, of Illinois.

The hour of twelve having arrived, the Lodge took a recess for thirty minutes, pursuant to the order to that effect.

HALF-PAST TWELVE O'CLOCK.

The Grand Lodge re-assembled pursuant to the order for recess.

The Grand Secretary presented the appeal of P. G. M. JOHN A. THOMPSON and others, being a minority of the Grand Lodge of Maryland, against a decision of said Grand Lodge, which was referred to the Committee on Appeals.

Also, the appeal of P. G. Master G. W. MOWBRAY and others, being a minority of the Grand Lodge of Maryland, against a decision of the Grand Lodge of Maryland, which was referred to the Committee on Appeals.

The Chair presented the petition of eleven Subordinate Lodges of Western Virginia, praying a charter for a Grand Lodge of Western Virginia, which was referred to the Committee on Petitions.

On motion of Rep. LAMBERTON, of Pennsylvania, the Grand Lodge agreed to hold a secret session to-morrow evening at 7½ o'clock, for the purpose of instruction in the work.

The jurisdictions being called, under the rule, for presentation of business—

Rep. CHIDSEY, of Ohio, presented the appeal of P. G. M. BABCOCK, of Ohio, which was referred to the Committee on Appeals.

Rep. SMITH, of Southern New York, presented the appeal of New York Lodge, No. 10, which was referred to the Committee on Appeals.

Rep. VEITCH, of Missouri, submitted the following preamble and resolution, which were referred to the Legislative Committee:

WHEREAS, by the existing laws of the Order, many members thereof become suspended for the non-payment of dues, and are thereby cut off from all the privileges and benefits of Odd-Fellowship; and whereas many such members, appreciating the moral and fraternal benefits of the Order as more important and valuable than the pecuniary benefits, desire to continue in membership without availing themselves of the weekly and funeral benefits; and whereas it is proper that such members should be permitted to remain in the Order by the payment of only such dues as may be equitable; therefore be it

Resolved, That the Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments may, under such rules and regulations as they may prescribe, authorize their respective Subordinates to classify their membership so as to have a beneficiary and non-beneficiary class, and require each class to contribute to their Subordinates such amounts as dues as may be deemed expedient and equitable.

Also, the following preamble and resolution, which were referred to the Legislative Committee:

WHEREAS a member of an extinct Lodge or Encampment can, upon payment of all dues that may appear against him, obtain a withdrawal card; and whereas, owing to the condition of the country and other causes, the books of many extinct Lodges and Encampments have become totally lost or destroyed, thereby rendering it impossible to ascertain the dues against the members thereof; and whereas many members of such extinct Subordinates are personally known to the officers of the Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment under which the Subordinate formerly worked and existed as worthy and zealous Odd-Fellows, who desire to continue their connexion with some Lodge or Encampment most contiguous to their place of residence; therefore be it

Resolved, That where the books of an extinct Lodge or Encampment have become lost or destroyed, the Grand Master and Grand Secretary, or the Grand Patriarch and Grand Scribe, or the M. W. Grand Sire and Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary, as the case may be, on being satisfied of the good standing of any member of such extinct Lodges or Encampments, may issue to him a card of withdrawal, which shall have the same force and effect and shall entitle him to the same privileges as a card of withdrawal issued by existing Subordinates.

Rep. FARNSWORTH, of Tennessee, submitted the amended Constitution of the Grand Encampment of Tennessee, which was referred to the Committee on Constitutions.

Rep. SMILEY, of Tennessee, presented the amended Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Tennessee, which was referred to the Committee on Constitutions.

Rep. BURNHAM, of Maine, presented a communication from the Grand Lodge of Maine, on the work, which was referred to the Committee on Revision of the Secret Work.

Rep. KIMBALL, of California, presented the following resolutions of the Grand Encampment of California, which were referred to the Legislative Committee:

Resolved, That the Representative to the Grand Lodge of the United States present the subject of attaching Nevada Territory to the jurisdiction of the Grand

Encampment of California to the consideration of the Grand Lodge of the United States, in such form as will ensure the adoption of favorable action.

Resolved, That the jurisdiction of the Grand Encampment of California be and the same is hereby extended over the Territory of Nevada.

Rep. HOVEY, of Oregon, presented the following resolution of the Grand Lodge of Oregon, which was referred to the Legislative Committee:

Resolved, That our R. W. Grand Representative to the Grand Lodge of the United States be and he is hereby instrusted to use his best endeavors to procure the Subordinate Encampment in this jurisdiction to be attached to the Grand Encampment of the State of California.

Rep. TUCKER, of Massachusetts, presented the appeal of Siloam Lodge, No. 2, of Massachusetts, which was referred to the Committee on Appeals.

Rep. CARLTON, of Ohio, presented the amended Constitution of the Grand Encampment of Ohio, which was referred to the Committee on Constitutions.

On motion of Rep. GRISWOLD, of Illinois, the Chair was authorized to appoint a committee of three on the unfinished business of last session.

The Chair named Reps. GRISWOLD, of Illinois, ALLEN, of Iowa, and TAPPING, of Northern New York, as the committee.

Rep. CASSEDY, of New Jersey, from the special committee on that subject, made the following report;

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

Your special committee appointed under resolution (found on page 3496 Revised Journal) to prepare and report, if deemed expedient, a law for simplifying proceedings in cases of appeal, beg leave to report that we consider such additional legislation necessary and desirable. We, therefore, submit and recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved, That in all cases of appeal which may hereafter be presented to the Grand Lodge of the United States, the Subordinate Grand Body from whose action any appeal is taken shall be required to settle definitely all questions of fact in such appeal, and shall duly certify the same under its seal and the signatures of its Executive officer and Grand Scribe or Secretary, as the case may be, so that the sole and only business of this Grand Lodge shall be to determine the law applicable to the facts thus certified.

Resolved, That this Grand Lodge will entertain no appeal unless the facts involved be settled and certified in the manner prescribed in the preceding resolution by the Grand Body from whose decision or action the appeal is taken.

Respectfully submmitted.

GEO. W. CASSEDY,
J. Y. ALLISON,
C. G. CADY.

On motion of Rep. LAMBERTON, of Pennsylvania, to suspend the rule, during this session, requiring reports lay over for one day, it was resolved in the negative.

On motion of Rep. VEITCH, of Missouri, the rule was suspended for the purpose of considering the report presented by Rep. CASSEDY, of New Jersey, whereupon the report was considered, and, with the resolutions accompanying, was adopted.

Rep. BINGHAM, of Canada West, submitted the following resolution, which was referred to the Legislative Committee:

Resolved, That the Legislative Committee be instructed to consider and report to this Grand Lodge upon the propriety of such amendment of law, or change of usage, as will allow the initiation into our Order of members holding connexion with the Manchester Unity of Odd-Fellows.

Rep. YOUNG, of Maryland, presented the appeal of Gratitude Lodge, No. 5, of Maryland, from a decision of the Grand Lodge of that State, which was referred to the Committee on Appeals.

Rep. MCCARTY, of Indiana, addressed the Lodge as follows:

MOST WORTHY GRAND SIRE: While it is the duty of this body to devote its deliberations to the good of the living, it is one of its time-honored customs to pause in the midst of its labors to do honor to the honored dead. The duty has been assigned me, by my colleagues, to request this body to forbear even their felicitations on meeting again, while I announce the death of one who for a long time was a prominent and useful member of this body.

Pleasant A. Hackelman, in that terrible conflict before Corinth, while leading his brigade, at about three o'clock in the afternoon of the third day of October, 1862, received a fatal shot through the neck, and fell from his horse into the arms of his chief of staff, was conveyed thence to a hotel in Corinth, and at 8 o'clock in the evening of the same day he died in peace. His last words were, "I am dying, but I am dying for my country." Thus, amid the rage of battle and the carnage of the field, far from her whose ministrations had been the consolation of his life, and from those who had prized him as a beloved parent and friend, our brother passed away in the 48th year of his age.

It is appropriate that one whose philanthropic life is delineated so conspicuously on so many pages of the history of this body and of our Order in the reports and other productions which emanated from him, should have the particulars of his patriotic death and the evidence of his fidelity to his country recorded on the pages of the same history, to show that so noble a life had so glorious an end.

Few names are more conspicuous in the annals of Indiana, his native State, than that of HACKELMAN. His boyhood years were passed in rural pursuits upon the farm where his father first settled, and where his aged parents now reside. But he forsook the occupation of his ancestors and commenced the preparatory studies of the law. The legal knowledge which most men acquire in two years he mastered in ten months. His career at the bar was marked by a lofty estimate of his profession, and his whole practice was characterizad by a fidelity that secured to him lasting esteem and unbounded confidence. He was chosen by a confiding constituency to the Judgeship of the Probate Court in the county where he resided, elected to the House of Representatives in the State Legislature, honored with the Clerkship in his county, twice nominated by his party friends for Congress, in a district known to be against them, but it was hoped his known integrity, spotless character, and acknowledged abilities would triumph over party fealty; but the times were too corrupt for the realization of this hope. He was Presidential Elector for the State at large in 1852 upon the Whig ticket, a delegate to the Convention at Chicago which nominated our present Chief Magistrate, and as an evidence of his superior statesmanship and of the appreciation of his conciliatory and wise councils, he was one of the five, selected by

the Governor of his State, as a representative to the "Peace Conference" which assembled at Washington on the 1st of February, 1861. This was the end of his official life in a civil capacity.

That life is thus particularized that those of this body to whom he was personally unknown may be made acquainted with the estimation in which he was held by those among whom he was reared and lived, and that they may know we are are called upon to mourn the loss of no ordinary man.

His military career gives further evidence of his greatness and devotion to his country's good, and of the esteem in which he was held by those best qualified to judge of his abilities and fitness for the distinguished position to which he attained.

In May, 1861, he was appointed Colonel of the Sixteenth Regiment Indiana Volunteers. When the news came of the disaster to our arms at Bull Run, he left his camp and hastened forward with his regiment to the defense of the then threatened Capital of the Nation. In May, 1862, he was promoted to the rank of Brigadier General, and assigned to the command of the First Brigade of the Second Division of the Army of the Mississippi, under General GRANT, and at the memorable battle of Corinth yielded his life a willing sacrifice upon his country's altar. It was glorious thus to fall in the fullness of manly vigor and matured mind, before time had wrought a single change in physical powers, or dimmed a ray of intellect. It was sublime, with the consciousness of having lived not for himself, but for his age, and for his race in all future generations, amid labors which demanded patriotic devotion, thus to pass away and be at rest.

Such was the civil and military life of Past Grand Representative HACKELMAN, whose loss the Order in Indiana so deeply feels, and which asks his former compeers in this Grand Body to pay to his memory the accustomed tribute of respect.

As an Odd-Fellow, Brother HACKELMAN may have had many to equal, but few to excel him in those noble qualities of head and heart and life which characterize the true Odd-Fellow. Upon the introduction of our Order into his State he acquainted himself with its designs, principles, and operations. Satisfied with the purity of its principles, the elevating tendency of its teachings, its adaptation for the promotion of good-will among men, and its fitness as a minister to the trials and adversities which are inseparable from human life, his kind heart, sympathetic nature, generous impulses, and moral greatness determined him to espouse the cause of Odd-Fellowship.

The high position to which the Order in Indiana has attained gives evidence of the distinguished ability with which he defended it with tongue and pen from assault; the extent to which his virtuous life and charitable acts commended its humane and benevolent designs to the notice of those around him To him, his counsels, influence, and example, as much as to any other, are we indebted for the prosperity and efficiency of our Order in Indiana.

Such a man could not be without distinction, and he soon became pre-eminent in goodness and in power among his brethren.

Soon after his appearance in the Grand Lodge of his State, by a unanimous vote of that body he was chosen as one of their Representatives to the Grand Lodge of the United States. In September, 1851, he made his first appearance in this Grand Body, and continued his relations therewith for six consecutive years, and could readily have protracted them, but for his own declination of another election, that others might share with him the highest honors of the Order.

Your journals will show that while a member of this Grand Lodge, associated with some of the most illustrious of those who ever belonged to the body, his legislative abilities, sage counsels, and courteous deportment secured him prominent position, and gave him a commanding influence in all matters pertaining to the best interests of the Order.

But I must not trespass on your courtesy. Past Grand Representative HACKELMAN has fulfilled his mission—no other work was required of him by Providence.

He had beautifully and commendably discharged the duties of son and brother; he had blessed the domestic circle by the most cherished of domestic virtues; he

had ministered to enlarged social enjoyment by the refinement of polished manners and a well cultivated mind; his profession had been honored by his sterling integrity and valuable practicable attainments; his country had been served by his wisdom and patriotism; and our Order, while it had been blessed by the purity of his life and his devotion to its interests, was strengthened by the beauty of his example and the excellence of his counsels.

His virtues were bound up with his whole life. It was this constancy of virtue, this fullness and continuity of character, which won for him the confidence of his fellow-citizens, and so endeared him to the brotherhood in Indiana that a remembrance of his many excellencies will live with them while memory reigns or reason maintains her empire. It was this that, when his body was brought home and buried with military honors, and the honors of our Order, rallied so many to an expression of respect for his great worth, and to mingle their sorrows at the grave of a friend whose spotless purity in private life, undaunted integrity, expansive benevolence, and exalted patriotism, was acknowledged by the thousands who paid the last sad tribute to his memory.

Rep. BURNHAM, of Maine, from the special committee on that subject, made the following report:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The special Committee to whom was referred the reports of the Grand Sire and Grand Secretary for distribution of the various subjects therein to suitable committees, ask leave to report:

That so much of the report of the Grand Sire as relates to his decisions be referred to the Committee on the State of the Order.

That so much of his report as relates to the Order in Western Virginia and Vermont, be referred to a special committee of three.

That so much of the Grand Secretary's report as relates to Grand Bodies unrepresented be referred to the Committee on Grand Bodies not represented.

That so much of his report as relates to correspondence be referred to the committee upon that subject.

That so much as relates to the names of contributors to the Wildey Monument be referred to the committee to receive plans for the monument.

Respectfully submitted.

EDWARD P. BURNHAM,
W. H. DIXON,
GEO. T. KAY.

Rep. VEITCH, of Missouri, moved to amend the report by striking out that part which proposes to refer the petition for a Grand Lodge in Western Virginia to a special committee, and to refer the said petition to the Committee on Petitions, which was agreed to.

The question then being on the report and resolutions, as amended, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Rep. CASSEDY, of New Jersey, moved the following resolution, which was resolved in the affirmative:

Resolved, That, at eleven o'clock on Wednesday morning, the Grand Lodge will resolve itself into Committee of the Whole, for the purpose of considering the condition of the Order and of deciding what (if any) changes are necessary to advance its interests and increase its prosperity.

On motion, Rep. TERWILLIGER, of Northern New York, was added to the Committee on the Secret Work of the Order, in the place of the

M. W. Grand Sire, who desired to be discharged from further service on said committee.

Rep. ARMSTRONG, of Kentucky, moved the following resolution, which was referred to the Legislative Committee:

Resolved by the Grand Lodge of the United States, That the resolution reported by Rep DWINELLE, from the Committee on the State of the Order, found on page 2676 of the printed Journal, 1856, denying the right of the Noble Grand, or Vice Grand acting as Noble Grand, to waive the right and place a Past Grand in the chair, be so construed as to allow a Noble Grand the right to invite a Past Grand to occupy the chair during the initiation or the conference of any of the degrees.

On motion the Lodge adjourned until to-morrow morning at nine o'clock.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 1863—9 o'clock A. M.

The R. W. Grand Lodge assembled pursuant to adjournment. Present:

JAMES B. NICHOLSON.....M. W. Grand Sire.
WM. CHIDSEY.....R. W. Deputy Grand Sire, *p. t.*
JAMES L. RIDGELY.....R. W. G. Cor. and Rec. Secretary.
JOSHUA VANSANT.....R. W. Grand Treasurer.
REV. I. D. WILLIAMSON.....R. W. Grand Chaplain.
B. W. DENNIS.....R. W. Grand Marshal.
AUGUSTUS PFAFF.....R. W. Grand Guardian.
JOHN E. CHAMBERLAIN.....R. W. Grand Messenger.

And a representation from a qnorum of Grand Bodies.

Prayer by Rev. Bro. I. D. WILLIAMSON.

The R. W. D. Grand Sire, by order of the Grand Sire, declared the Lodge open for the transaction of business.

On motion of Rep. CHIDSEY, of Ohio, the reading of the Journal of yesterday was dispensed with.

The jurisdictions being called, under the rule, for the presentation of business—

Rep. DAVIES, of Southern New York, submitted the following amendment to the by-laws, which was laid on the table under the rule:

Amend article twenty-two of the by-laws, by adding thereto, after the words "yellow lace or fringe," on the fourth paragraph, as follows: P. C. P.'s shall wear purple collars or sashes, and aprons as above described.

Rep. HYLAND, of Delaware, moved the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary be instructed to furnish the members of the R. W. Grand Lodge with the first, second, and third volumes of the Journal of Proceedings immediately, and also to transmit to them the fourth volume as soon as issued, and that each Representative receipt for the same.

Rep. CASSEDY, of New Jersey, moved the following preamble and resolutions:

WHEREAS, in consequence of the condition of our National affairs, the Order in Tennessee has not been able to preserve its communication with its brethren in other jurisdictions, and the Grand Bodies of that jurisdiction have been unrepresented in this Grand Lodge, and therefore have enjoyed none of their usual privileges—and the working of the Lodges and Encampments, both Subordinate and Grand, during the past two years, has been suspended, as appears from reliable information in possession of members of this body; and whereas, the brothers of our Order, resident in Nashville, have, by their devoted attention to and care bestowed upon sick and disabled brethren temporarily in their midst, shown themselves true-hearted Odd-Fellows, and fully alive to the principles and precepts of our fraternity—therefore,

Resolved, That the Grand Lodge of the United States hereby releases the Grand Encampment and Grand Lodge of Tennessee from the payment of their Representative Tax for the years 1861 and 1862.

Resolved, That, inasmuch as supplies are required by the Grand Bodies in the jurisdiction of Tennessee to enable their subordinates to resume their work, the Grand Secretary is hereby authorized and directed to furnish to the Representatives from that State, present at this session, whatever supplies they deem necessary for the above purpose, and that the same be furnished them free from all cost.

On motion to adopt the preamble and resolutions—

Rep. CARLTON, of Ohio, moved their reference to the Committee on Finance.

And the question being on the motion to refer, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Rep. VEITCH, of Missouri, moved the following, which was referred to the Legislative Committee:

Resolved, That if a brother, applying for a visiting or final card, be absent from the location of his Lodge or Encampment, so that he cannot obtain the A. T. P. W. with his card in person, it shall be the duty of the proper officers, upon the granting of such card, to transmit the same to the brother, and also send therewith a letter in the following form, to wit:—

.....Lodge, (or Encampment,) No.....
Of.....State of.....
.....day of.....18.....

To the Noble Grand of any Lodge of the I. O. O. F.
(or Chief Patriarch of any Encampment:)

The bearer, Brother (or Patriarch).....holding a legal Card from this.....dated this.....day of.....18... is entitled to the A. T. P. W. for the same year, which please communicate to him after due examination, whereupon you will retain or destroy this letter.

(Seal.) .....N. Grand (or C. P.)

Attest,

.....Secretary (or Scribe.)

Rep. BUCKLEY, of New Jersey, moved the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That so much of the report of the R. W. Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary as relates to the Digest to be submitted in manuscript or proof sheets to the Grand Lodge, or to a committee to be appointed before its publication, be referred to the Legislative Committee.

Rep. JUDD, of Wisconsin, presented the following proceeding of the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin, which was referred to the Legislative Committee:

At the last annual meeting of the R. W. Grand Lodge of the State of Wisconsin, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the Grand Representatives be and are hereby instructed to use all the influence in their power, at the next session of the Grand Lodge of the United States, to bring about the consolidation of the two branches of the Order, Subordinate and Encampment, into one.

Rep. GARRETT, of Iowa, presented the following proceeding of the Grand Encampment of Iowa, which were referred to the Legislative Committee:

WHEREAS there are in this State two Grand Bodies, each of which keep up a separate organization at great expense, and hold annual sessions to legislate for their different jurisdictions: and

WHEREAS the Grand Lodge of the United States very properly legislates for every branch of the Order, by which means it avoids the trouble, *time*, and expense of two Grand Bodies: therefore be it

Resolved. That it is the opinion of this Grand Encampment that it would be a benefit to the Order in this State if there were but one Grand Body in the State, and that the Grand Representative of the Grand Encampment to the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States be and he is hereby requested to urge upon the consideration of that body the propriety of merging the R. W. Grand Lodge and this Grand Encampment into one Grand Lodge, with power to legislate for each branch of the Order within this State.

Rep. TERWILLIGER, of Northern New York, moved the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That one thousand copies of the reports of the M. W. Grand Sire and R. W. Grand Secretary be printed for the use of the members of the Grand Lodge.

Rep. TERWILLIGER, of Northern New York, from the Committee on Credentials, made the following report, which was adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Credentials, to whom was referred the credential of P. G. JOSEPH KIRKUP, from the Grand Lodge of Ohio, find him duly accredited as a Representative to this Grand Lodge, to fill the vacancy for the full term caused by the resignation of P. G. M. JOHN H. WHEELER.

Respectfully submitted.

JAMES TERWILLIGER,
J. W. STOKES,
JOS. B. ESCAVAILLE,
IRA C. DOE,
WM. GARRETT.

Rep. WILLIAMS, of Minnesota, moved the following resolution, which was referred to the Committee on the State of the Order:

Resolved, That there is nothing in the Constitution or By-Laws of this Grand Lodge which makes it obligatory on Subordinate Lodges to grant stipulated weekly benefits to sick members.

Rep. HOVEY, of Oregon, presented the following proceeding of the Grand Lodge of Oregon, which, on his motion, was referred to a special committee:

GRAND SECRETARY'S OFFICE, GRAND LODGE OF OREGON,
SALEM, July 2d, 1863.

Among other proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Oregon, at its May session, 1863, the following were had:

The special committee to whom was referred that portion of the Grand Master's Report relating to P. G. Rep. Barnum, made the following report, which was adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Oregon:

The special committee to whom was referred that portion of the Grand Master's report relating to the right of P. G. Rep. BARNUM to a seat in the Grand Lodge of the United States, at its session of 1861, respectfully submit the following preamble and resolutions:

WHEREAS the Grand Lodge has observed with regret, from the published proceedings of the Grand Lodge of the United States for 1862, that some disagreement appears to have arisen between that Grand Body and P. G. Rep. BARNUM, of this jurisdiction, in the matter of his sitting as Representative the previous year; and whereas the Grand Lodge of the United States seems by its action to await some expression on the subject from this Grand Lodge: therefore

Resolved, That while we do not find sufficient authority for P. G. Rep. BARNUM to have obtained his seat as such representative, yet as we have no reason to doubt but that he acted in good faith, and as the Grand Lodge of the United States did so admit him to a seat, and must be conceded to be the sole judge of the qualifications of its members, this Grand Lodge would not venture to interfere in the matter, but leave the whole to be settled between the parties.

Resolved, That we cannot but censure P. G. Rep. BARNUM, in this formal manner, and call on him for an explanation for having neglected to report to this Grand Lodge, as is reasonably expected from a representative to the Grand Lodge of the United States.

Resolved, That a copy of these proceedings be forwarded to the Grand Corresponding Secretary of the Grand Lodge of the United States, and to P. G. Rep. E. M. BARNUM.

Fraternally submitted.

SAMUEL E. MAY,
S. ELLSWORTH,
A. S. STINSON.

Attest, CHESTER N. TERRY, Grand Secretary.

The Chair named the following special committees, pursuant to the order directing such appointment:

Special Committee on Lodges in Western Virginia and Vermont.—Reps. SIMPSON, of Pennsylvania; MENZIES, of Kentucky; HOVEY, of Oregon.

Special Committee on matter of P. G. Rep. Barnum.—Reps. KIDDER, of New Hampshire; ELLIS, of Maryland; CARLTON, of Ohio.

Rep. CASSEDY, of New Jersey, from the Legislative Committee, made the following report:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

Your Legislative Committee, to whom was referred the resolution of Rep. ARMSTRONG, of Kentucky—

Resolved, by the Grand Lodge of the United States, That the resolution reported by Rep. DWINELLE, from the Committee on the State of the Order, found on page 2676 of the printed Journal, 1856, denying the right of the Noble Grand, or Vice Grand acting as Noble Grand, to waive his right and place a Past Grand in the chair, be so construed as to allow a Noble Grand the right to invite a Past Grand to occupy the chair during initiation, or the conferring of degrees—

Ask leave to report that no valid objection can exist to the passage of the resolution, and we therefore recommend its adoption.

GEO. W. CASSEDY,
R. A. LAMBERTON,
THOS. T. SMILEY,
C. G. CADY,
J. GRISWOLD.

On motion of Rep. VEITCH, of Missouri, the rule requiring reports to lay on the table for one day was suspended, and the report was considered and adopted.

Rep. CASSEDY, of New Jersey, from the same committee, made the following report:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

Your Legislative Committee, to whom were referred the following preamble and resolution of Rep. VEITCH, of Missouri, viz:

WHEREAS a member of an extinct Lodge or Encampment can, upon payment of all dues as may appear against him, obtain a withdrawal card; and whereas owing to the condition of the country and other causes, the books of many extinct Lodges and Encampments have been totally lost or destroyed, thereby rendering it impossible to ascertain the dues against the members thereof; and whereas many members of such extinct Subordinates are personally known to the officers of the Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment under which the Subordinate formerly worked and existed as worthy and zealous Odd-Fellows, who desire to continue their connection with some Lodge or Encampment most contiguous to their place of residence; therefore, be it

Resolved, That where the books of an extinct Lodge or Encampment have been lost or destroyed, the Grand Master and Grand Secretary, or the Grand Patriarch and Grand Scribe, or the M. W. Grand Sire and Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary, as the case may be, on being satisfied of the good standing of any member of such extinct Lodges or Encampments, may issue to him a card of withdrawal, which shall have the same force and effect and shall entitle him to the same privileges as a card of withdrawal issued by existing Subordinates.

Ask leave to report that such law is necessary, for the reasons set forth in the above preamble. We therefore recommend that the preamble and resolution be adopted.

GEO. W. CASSEDY,
R. A. LAMBERTON,
THOS. T. SMILEY,
C. G. CADY,
J. GRISWOLD.

On motion of Rep. VEITCH, of Missouri, the rule was suspended, and the report of the committee was considered and adopted.

On motion of Rep. VEITCH, of Missouri, the order adopted upon the motion of Rep. CASSEDY, of New Jersey, on yesterday, fixing eleven o'clock on Wednesday for the consideration, in committee of the whole, of the state of the Order at large, was discharged, and the Lodge at once resolved itself into a committee of the whole on that subject, Rep. VEITCH, of Missouri, in the chair.

After some time passed in Committee of the Whole, the committee rose and by Rep. VEITCH, of Missouri, chairman, made the following report:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee of the Whole, under the provisions of the resolution offered by Rep. CASSEDY, of New Jersey, adopted yesterday, "for the purpose of considering the condition of the Order," &c., have had the subject-matter referred to them under consideration, without having come to any conclusion, and ask leave to sit again.

ISAAC M. VEITCH,
Chairman of the Committee of the Whole.

On motion of Rep. YOUNG, of Maryland, the leave asked was granted.

Rep. SIMPSON, of Pennsylvania, moved that the committee have leave to sit on the 4th day of July next, if the Grand Lodge then be in session.

Rep. SCHIEFER, of Missouri, moved to amend the resolution of Rep. SIMPSON, of Pennsylvania, by striking out "the 4th July next," and substituting "to-morrow morning, at eleven o'clock," which was agreed to, and the resolution, as amended, was adopted.

The hour of twelve o'clock having arrived, the chair declared the Lodge at recess for thirty minutes.

HALF-PAST TWELVE O'CLOCK.

The Grand Lodge re-assembled, pursuant to the order for recess, when

Rep. VEITCH, of Missouri, moved the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the per diem for this session of the Grand Lodge of the United States be three dollars.

Resolved, That the mileage for members for this session be rated at four cents per mile, and that the same be calculated from the nearest mail route, unless it may appear to the Committee on Mileage and Per Diem that there is a nearer traveled route, in which case the traveled route takes precedence.

Rep. BOYDSTON, of Nebraska, moved to amend the second resolution by striking out "four" and inserting "five" cents.

Rep. CASSEDY, of New Jersey, moved further to amend as follows:

Insert after the words four cents, as follows:—"On all distances not exceeding 300 miles, and five cents on all of 300 miles and over."

And the question being on the amendment to the amendment, it was resolved in the negative.

The question recurring on the amendment of Rep. BOYDSTON, of Nebraska, to strike out "four cents" and insert "five cents," it was resolved in the affirmative.

And the resolutions, as amended, were adopted.

The Chair presented a communication from Orphan's Friend Lodge of Harper's Ferry, Virginia, which was referred to the committee to whom was assigned the condition of the Order in Western Virginia and in Vermont.

Rep. LAMBERTON, of Pennsylvania, addressed the Lodge as follows:

To me has been assigned the sad duty of announcing to this Grand Lodge the death of a good man, a faithful brother, and one who, upon this floor, for four years represented with distinguished ability the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, P. G. Rep. and M. W. G. M. WILLIAM ENGLISH. Twenty years ago he became a member of our great fraternity. From the evening when he was initiated into our Order until that hour when the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania stood sorrowing over the grave of her deceased Grand Master, he was always known among us as a man sturdy in his honesty and earnest in his devotion to the principles of our brotherhood.

He was a tried Odd-Fellow. His ability and sterling integrity won him the confidence of his brethren. He held every position in the Order which it was in the gift of his brethren in Pennsylvania to bestow. In the maturity of his powers, with stainless reputation, as Grand Master of Pennsylvania, he was gathered to his fathers. May his rest be that of the just, and his awakening be among those who shall be received by the Father of all into those mansions prepared from the foundation of the world for all those who love Him.

Rep. SMILEY, of Tennessee, addressed the Lodge as follows:

HENRY J. BARKER, a Representative from Tennessee to the Grand Lodge of the United States, died at his home in Gallatin, on the third day of December, 1862, in the forty-seventh year of his age.

He sleeps in his grave beyond the power of eulogy or censure, but a just tribute to his memory may sooth the living and inspire them with courage to imitate his manly virtues.

Language can give but a feeble portrait of his merits as a man, citizen, husband, father, and friend. He embodied, in an eminent degree, the spirit of that charity which characterizes the noble Order he loved and adorned.

As a member he was regular in his attendance, constant and faithful in the performance of all his duties, ardent and enterprising in extending the boundaries of its benevolence and usefulness. He was honored with all the offices of his Lodge, which he executed with marked success and approval. At the last meeting of the Grand Lodge of the United States, in Baltimore, our departed brother was the chosen representative of the Grand Lodge of Tennessee. His great, loving heart embraced the universality of the Order and beat in harmony with its noble precepts.

That sublime charity which marked his career as an Odd-Fellow illuminated

his conduct and intercourse with men. The friend of humanity, he was the respecter of law and order. The lover of home and associations, he was the devoted worshipper of country and all its jewels. Honest, industrious, intelligent, bold, brave, and enterprising, he was the benefactor of his fellow-citizens.

As a husband he was devoted and generous to a wife who reciprocated her adoration for his manly character. As a father he was kind, indulgent, just to the children he so fondly loved. How ardently his warm affections embraced the delicate charges that Heaven had committed to his care!

In his loss a home has been deprived of its sun-light of faith and hope and happiness; society of an ornament and friend. The country has lost a faithful citizen and patriot. Our Order mourns the departure of one of its brightest ornaments and most useful members. Soon, too soon, we have been called upon to commit to its narrow home the manly form of a beloved brother. His bright example has been left to his friends to cheer them onward to that good world for which the soul aspires. We one day may hope to rejoin, in happier seats, him whose spirit caught its inspirations from the fountain of infinite love.

Firm in his convictions of immortal life, and conscious of a spiritual communion with the good and true, our brother died, as he had lived, in the full faith of entering upon a higher and nobler sphere of life, amid the society of the wise and good.

Age had not dimmed his sight, nor impaired his powers: he was called away in the very noontide of life and vigor. It was the decree of the Almighty Ruler of the Universe, and we submit to the chastening stroke with humility and sorrow.

Rep. LEECH, of Iowa, addressed the Lodge as follows:

MOST WORTHY GRAND SIRE: The sad duty devolves upon me to announce to this Grand Lodge the death of Past Grand Master and Past Grand Representative JOHN POPE, which has occurred since our last meeting. Brother Pope was Grand Master of the jurisdiction of Iowa in 1855 and 1856, and at the close of his term was elected and served two years as a Representative on this floor.

He was a true and zealous Odd-Fellow, a noble and an honest man, respected and beloved by all who knew him, and his death has caused a vacancy in our jurisdiction which will be hard to fill.

Rep. BOYDSTON, of Nebraska, from the Committee on Constitutions, made the following report:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

Your Committee on Constitutions, to whom was referred the amendments to the Constitution adopted by the Grand Encampment of the jurisdiction of Tennessee, beg leave to report that they have had the same under consideration, and find them in accordance with the laws of this Grand Lodge, and would recommend their approval.

Respectfully submitted.

W. L. BOYDSTON,
J. Y. ALLISON,
ERIE J. LEECH,
M. B. SCOTT,
J. W. MENZIES.

The rule was suspended and the report was considered and adopted.

Rep. SCOTT, of Connecticut, from the Committee on Constitutions, made the following report:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Constitutions beg leave respectfully to report that they have examined the amendments to the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Tennessee, and find them in accordance with the laws of this R. W. Grand Lodge, and therefore recommend their adoption as amended.

Respectfully submitted.

M. B. SCOTT,
W. L. BOYDSTON,
J. Y. ALLISON,
ERIE J. LEECH,
J. W. MENZIES.

The rule was suspended and the report was considered and adopted.

Rep. ALLISON, of Indiana, from the Committee on Constitutions, made the following report:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

Your Committee on Constitutions beg leave to report that they have examined and considered the amendments adopted by the Grand Encampment of the State of Ohio, at its last session, and find them in accordance with the laws of this Grand Lodge. Your committee therefore recommend their approval as amended.

Respectfully submitted.

J. Y. ALLISON,
W. L. BOYDSTON,
M. B. SCOTT,
ERIE J. LEECH,
J. W. MENZIES.

The rule was suspended and the report was considered and adopted.

Rep. GRISWOLD, of Illinois, from the special committee on that subject, made the following report, which was accepted, and the committee discharged:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

Your special committee on the unfinished business of last session have performed the duty assigned, and ask leave to report that they find as follows, viz:

First—On page 3470 of Journal of 1862. The appeal of Ajalon Lodge from a decision of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, the further consideration of which was postponed until this session.

Second—On page 3492 of Journal of 1862. A resolution of Rep. SANDERS, of Northern New York, on the subject of admitting to membership in this Order persons under twenty-one years of age, the consideration of which was, at the recommendation of the Legislative Committee, postponed until this session.

Third—Pending amendments to the Constitution to be found in the appendix to the Journal of 1862.

Respectfully submitted.

J. GRISWOLD,
ISAAC TAPPING.

On motion of Rep. VEITCH, of Missouri, that the consideration of pending amendments to the Constitution be postponed until the next session, it was not agreed to.

Rep. TUCKER, of Massachusetts, rose in his place and tendered an

invitation from the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts to the Grand Lodge of the United States to hold its next annual session in the city of Boston.

Rep. LAMBERTON, of Pennsylvania, moved that the Grand Lodge cordially accepts the invitation, and will hold its next session in the city of Boston, which was resolved in the affirmative.

On motion of Rep. SIMPSON, of Pennsylvania, the Representatives of Massachusetts were appointed a special committee to make the necessary arrangements for the next session of the Grand Lodge in the city of Boston.

On motion of Rep. KIDDER, of New Hampshire, the order fixing 7½ o'clock this evening for instruction in the work, was discharged, and the Lodge at once resolved itself in secret session for that object.

After some hours passed in secret session, the Lodge resumed its ordinary business.

When Rep. WILSON, of Wisconsin, from the Committee on Printing, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Printing, to whom was referred the proposals for printing the Revised Journal of the present session, 1863, would most respectfully report that they have had but one proposition to print the Journal of Proceedings submitted to their consideration, and the committee award the contract to Brother JAMES YOUNG, of Baltimore, his bid being considered satisfactory. The committee, therefore, recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the R. W. Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary be, and he is hereby authorized to contract with Brother JAMES YOUNG, of the city of Baltimore, for the printing of the Journal of Proceedings of the present session, in accordance with his proposals herewith submitted, and marked "accepted."

H. O. WILSON,
W. B. HYLAND,
WM. R. McLEAN,
THOS. C. HOLLIS,
J. F. WILLIAMS.

Rep. GRISWOLD, of Illinois, from the Legislative Committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

Your Legislative Committee, in view of several matters of importance referred to them relating to the extension of certain State jurisdictions over Subordinate Bodies now under the immediate jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of the United States, and in order to facilitate the accomplishment of the desired object, would offer the following amendment to the By-Laws of this Grand Body:

Resolved, That article XIII. of the By-Laws of this R. W. Grand Body be amended by adding the following, viz: *Pr vided, however*, that any Subordinate Lodge or Encampment working under the immediate jurisdiction of the

Grand Lodge of the United States in any State, District, or Territory, may, at its own request, be made subordinate to any contiguous State Grand Lodge or Encampment.

Respectfully submitted.

GEO. W. CASSEDY,
R. A. LAMBERTON,
J. GRISWOLD,
THOS. T. SMILEY,
C. G. CADY.

The hour of three and a half o'clock having arrived, the Grand Sire declared the Lodge adjourned until nine o'clock to-morrow morning, pursuant to the special order to that effect.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 1863—9 o'clock A. M.

The R. W. Grand Lodge assembled pursuant to adjournment. Present:

JAMES B. NICHOLSON.....M. W. Grand Sire.
WM. CHIDSEY.....R. W. Deputy Grand Sire, *p. t.*
JAMES L. RIDGELY.....R. W. G. Cor. and Rec. Secretary.
JOSHUA VANSANT.....R. W. Grand Treasurer.
REV. I. D. WILLIAMSON.....R. W. Grand Chaplain.
B. W. DENNIS.....R. W. Grand Marshal.
AUGUSTUS PFAFF.....R. W. Grand Guardian.
JOHN E. CHAMBERLAIN.....R. W. Grand Messenger.

And a representation from a quorum of Grand Bodies.

Prayer by Rev. Bro. I. D. WILLIAMSON, R. W. Grand Chaplain.

The R. W. D. Grand Sire declared the Grand Lodge open for business by order of the Grand Sire.

On motion of Rep. TERWILLIGER, of Northern New York, the reading of the Journal of yesterday was dispensed with.

Rep. CHIDSEY, of Ohio, presented a communication from Grand Secretary WM. C. EARL, of Ohio, enclosing a check for $750.75, being the contribution of the jurisdiction of Ohio to the Wildey Monument Fund, and also representing that the further subscriptions from that State would reach one thousand dollars.

The R. W. Grand Treasurer submitted his annual report, as follows, which was, on motion of Rep. SCHIEFER, of Missouri, referred to the Committee on Finance:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

I have the honor to submit herewith my annual report of the receipts and disbursements for the fiscal year commencing on the 16th September, 1862, and ending on 22d September, inclusive, 1863:

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To cash balance in Treasury, Sept. 16, 1862, as per report, folio 3445 Journal of 1862	$8,162 65
This sum received from J. L. Ridgely, administrator on the estate of the late P. G. Sire Thos. Wildey, being in full payment of claim of Grand Lodge	6,089 80
To this sum received from Grand Secretary J. L. Ridgely, from 16th September, 1862, to September 22d, inclusive, 1863	10,040 34
To this sum received from Grand Secretary J. L. Ridgely, on account of the Wildey Monument Fund	4,886 53
	$29,179 32

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By this sum paid to Grand Officers and Grand Representatives who were in attendance at the session of 1862, on account of mileage and per diem, as per vouchers, from No. 1 to No. 64, both inclusive		$4,704 20
1862.		
Sept. 18.	Voucher No. 65, Acting Grand Sire Herndon, for postage, &c., &c	40 00
Sept. 18.	Voucher No. 66, Premium paid on silver to pay fractions of a dollar to Grand Officers and Representatives at session of 1862	5 78
Sept. 18.	Voucher No. 67, Discount on uncurrent funds	95
Sept. 18.	Voucher No. 68, J. F. Schweitzer, services at session of 1862	10 00
Sept. 19.	Voucher No. 69, E. Sandys, printing cards	135 00
Sept. 25.	Voucher No. 70, James Young, printing daily Journal, &c..	147 55
Sept. 27.	Voucher No. 71, A. Fisher, painting Portraits of P. Grand Sires	460 00
Oct. 23.	Voucher No. 72, Orphans' Court, proving account	30
Nov. 8.	Voucher No. 73, Insurance of Grand Lodge furniture	13 75
Dec. 1.	Voucher No. 74, G. Sec'y Ridgely, three months' services..	250 00
Dec. 1.	Voucher No. 75, G. Mes. Chamberlain, three months' services	150 00
Dec. 1.	Voucher No. 75, G. Mes. Chamberlain, for freight, postage, office expenses, &c	71 00
Dec. 2.	Voucher No. 76, James Young, printing revised Journal...	941 00
Dec. 10.	Voucher No. 77, James Young, printing Eulogy of P. G. Sire Wildey, &c	181 97
Dec. 13.	Voucher No. 78, Painting portrait of Acting Grand Sire Herndon	100 00
1863.		
Jan. 23.	Voucher No. 79, Baltimore Clipper, advertising for proposals for printing daily and revised Journal	13 00
Feb. 28.	Voucher No. 80, Grand Sec'y J. L. Ridgely, three months' services	250 00
Feb. 28.	Voucher No. 81, G. Mes. Chamberlain, three months' services	150 00
Feb. 28.	Voucher No. 81, G. Mes. Chamberlain, for postage, office expenses, &c	17 24

April 29.	Voucher No. 82,	Treasurer of the United States, for U. S. Government inscribed bonds of Feb. 25, 1862	6,000 00
May 28.	Voucher No. 83,	F. A. Ellis, on account of indexing Journal of the Grand Lodge	100 00
June 1.	Voucher No. 84,	Grand Sec'y J. L. Ridgely, three months' services	250 00
June 1.	Voucher No. 85,	G. Mes. Chamberlain, three months' services	150 00
June 1.	Voucher No. 85,	G. Mes. Chamberlain, office expenses, &c.	10 25
July 20.	Voucher No. 86,	E. Sandys, printing cards	135 00
July 28.	Voucher No. 87,	Rawlings & Brunner, binding Journal of Grand Lodge	70 00
Aug. 25.	Voucher No. 88,	Grand Lodge of Maryland, rent of premises, gas light and fuel	275 00
Aug. 26.	Voucher No. 89,	J. W. Bond, stationery	154 23
Aug. 28.	Voucher No. 90,	Rawlings & Brunner, binding Journal of Grand Lodge	133 51
Aug. 28.	Voucher No. 91,	Grand Sec'y J. L Ridgely, three months' services	250 00
Aug. 28.	Voucher No. 92,	G. Mes. Chamberlain, three months' services	150 00
Aug. 28.	Voucher No. 92,	G. Mes. Chamberlain, office expenses, postage, &c	31 58
Sept. 3.	Voucher No. 93,	New York Times, advertising for printing proposals	40 00
Sept. 21.	Voucher No. 95,	United States check stamps	46
Sept. 21.	Voucher No. 95,	J. Vansant, Grand Treasurer, 12 months' salary	200 00
			15,591 77
		Balance in the Treasury	13,587 55
			29,179 32

The foregoing statement embraces the revenue from every source and the disbursements for all purposes during the present year. The revenue proper, however, for the year amounted to $10,040.34, being an excess of revenue of $340.78 over that of the year ending September 16th, 1862.

The cash balance in the treasury, independent of the Wildey Monument Fund, is $8,701.02, which exceeds the balance at the close of the preceding year in the sum of $538.37.

It will also be perceived that the sum thus far contributed to the Wildey Monument Fund is $4,486.53. This amount added to the cash balance of $8,801.02, applicable to the general purposes of the Grand Lodge, makes up the total balance of $13,587.55.

Under a resolution, adopted at the session of 1862, the undersigned was appointed attorney in fact of the Grand Lodge, with power to take such steps as he might deem advisable for the collection of the debt due by the estate of P. G. Sire WILDEY, and to execute on behalf of the Grand Lodge such releases; acquittances, or assignments, upon payment of the claim, as might be necessary to discharge the said debt. He has the pleasure to report that all the features of the resolution referred to have been carried out. The whole amount due by the late P. G. Sire, at the time of his death, with interest from that period to the date of settlement, has been paid to the Treasurer by JAMES L. RIDGELY, administrator, and the mortgage upon the property of the deceased and the judgment against him, both given to secure the claim of the Grand Lodge, has been accordingly released.

The original amount of this debt was $8,000. It was reduced by contributions from State Grand Bodies in the sum of $1,472.50, which left an unpaid balance, at the time of the decease of the Past Grand Sire, of $6,527.50. Pre-

vious to the session of the Grand Lodge of 1862, $1,000 of the foregoing debt was paid by the administrator, and was included in the receipts of the fiscal year, ending September 16, 1862. This reduced the debt to $5,527.50 at the period of the adoption of the resolution aforesaid. From the date of the death of Bro. WILDEY to the period of the settlement of the claim by JAMES L. RIDGELY, administrator, the interest amounted to $562.30, making $6,089.80, the latter being the sum specified in the first table of receipts in this report.

The Grand Lodge at the session of 1862, page 3465 of its Journal, adopted the following resolution in reference to the foregoing claim:

"*Resolved*, That upon the payment of the said debt to the R. W. Grand Treasurer of the Grand Lodge of the United States, the M. W. Grand Sire, Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary and Grand Treasurer are hereby authorized to invest the same in such securities as in their judgment may be safe and reliable."

In pursuance of the foregoing resolution, and in accordance with the arrangements adopted by the Grand Officers in that connection, the undersigned, on the 29th of April, 1863, invested, in the name of the "Grand Lodge of the United States of the Independent Order of Odd-Fellows," $6,000 in six Registered Bonds of $1,000 each, and numbered from 2491 to 2596, both inclusive, of the issue of the United States of America, under the act of Congress of 1862, and known as the "Five-twenty loan." The interest on the same is payable semi-annually, on the 1st of May and 1st of November.

Inasmuch as these securities are registered with the corporate title of the Grand Lodge in the body thereof, it may be important if not indispensably necessary to the collection of the interest that will accrue from the same, that you should adopt a resolution authorizing, under proper forms, some officer of your body to collect such interest, and hence I suggest the matter, in this connexion, to your consideration.

If the lamentable events that have marred alike the happiness and prosperity of our people for the last two or more years have had their depressing influence upon the revenue of the Grand Lodge, they have at least awakened its members to the necessity of pursuing a prudential system of economy, the result of which has been not only to make its financial condition better than it has been for the last eight years, but to altogether disembarrass it. A persistent observance of the same theory will prepare it for any reasonable contingency, and, under a more fortunate condition of national affairs, will enable it to lessen its pecuniary demands upon those who have given to it vitality and maintain its organization.

JOSHUA VANSANT, *Grand Treasuer.*

The R. W. Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary presented his supplemental report, as follows, which was referred to the Committee on Finance:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The undersigned, Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary, asks leave very respectfully to submit the following supplemental report:

SUPPLEMENTARY STATEMENT *of Receipts by the Grand Secretary after the close of his Annual Report, up to and including September* 21, 1863.

GRAND LODGES.	Balance.	Miscellaneous.	Odes.	Diplomas.	Cards.	Books.	Rep. Tax.	TOTAL.
Maine	.....	.....	.....	$15 00	.....	.....	150 00	165 00
Rhode Island	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	75 00	75 00
Connecticut	.....	24	.....	.....	20 00	.....	150 00	170 24
Wisconsin	.....	30	.....	.....	64 60	15 00	150 00	229 90
Illinois	.....	.....	10 00	.....	.....	108 50	.....	118 50
Massachusetts	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	150 00	150 00
California	.....	151 76	.....	.....	.....	69 74	.....	221 50
Minnesota	.....	20 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	75 00	95 00
Nebraska	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	75 00	75 00
Vermont	.....	.....	.....	.....	12 00	.....	.....	12 00
Southern New York	.....	.....	.....	.....	40 00	.....	150 00	190 00
Northern New York	.....	.....	1 25	.....	80 00	27 50	150 00	258 75
Tennessee	$60 50	5 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	150 00	216 00
District of Columbia	.....	.....	5 00	.....	20 00	.....	150 00	175 00
Maryland	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5 00	.....	5 00
Canada West	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	75 00	75 00
Indiana	.....	.....	.....	.....	220 00	40 00	.....	260 00
	$60 50	$177 80	$16 25	$15 00	$456 60	$265 74	$1500 00	$2491 89

SUPPLEMENTARY STATEMENT *continued.*

GRAND ENCAMPMENTS.	Cards.	Books.	Repres. tax.	Total.
Connecticut	.....	.....	$75 00	$75 00
Maine	.....	.....	75 00	75 00
Rhode Island	.....	.....	75 00	75 00
Wisconsin	.....	.....	75 00	75 00
Illinois	.....	.....	150 00	150 00
Massachusetts	.....	.....	75 00	75 00
Missouri	.....	.....	75 00	75 00
Northern New York	.....	$11 25	75 00	86 25
Tenuessee	.....	.....	75 00	75 00
Southern New York	.....	.....	75 00	75 00
District of Columbia	.....	.....	75 00	75 00
Indiana	$60 00	30 00	.....	90 00
	60 00	41 25	900 00	1001 25

SUPPLEMENTARY STATEMENT *continu'd.*

	Miscellaneous.	Diplomas.	Dues.	Total.
Ridgely Encampment, No. 1, Nebraska...	.....	.....	$1 35	$1 35
Far West Encampment, No. 1, Kansas....	.....	.....	10 83	10 83
Excelsior Lodge, No. 1, Sandwich Islands	.....	.....	32 93	32 93
William Curtis, of Pennsylvania.....	.....	$37 50	.....	37 50
Grand Encampment of West. Virginia...	$30 00	.....	.....	30 00
	30 00	37 50	45 11	112 61

STOCK ACCOUNT.

Supplies on hand September 15, 1862, *amount received since, amount sold during the year, and amount on hand September* 21, 1863.

	Cards.	Degree of Rebekah.	Charge Books.	Degree Books.	Installation Books.	Institution Books.	Grand Lodge Books.	Encampment Books.	Grand Encam't Books.	Diplomas.	Odes.	Funeral Ceremonies.	Revised Journal.	Forms for Degree Lodges.
On hand Sep. 15, 1862	3,450	824	946	994	160	281	59	1121	36	495	11,369	496	441	7,254
Received during the year.....	15,000	....	....	....	....	....	..	....	..	....	.....	....	301	.....
Total.....	18,450	824	946	994	160	281	59	1121	36	495	11,369	496	742	7,254
Sold during the year.	12,634	152	280	90	47	13	..	35	3	273	1,585	....	....	375
On hand Sep. 20, 1863	5,916	672	666	904	113	268	59	1086	33	222	9,784	496	739	6,879

Amount of Supplies sold from September 15*th*, 1862, *to September* 21*st*, 1863, *showing cost of each article, selling price, and profits.*

NUMBER OF EACH ARTICLE SOLD.	Sold for.	Cost price.	Profit.
Cards, 12,634.....	$2,526 80	$113 70	$2,413 10
Charge Books, 280.....	700 00	53 20	646 80
Degree of Rebekah, 152.....	190 00	19 76	170 24
Odes, 1,585.....	79 25	15 85	63 40
Encampment Books, 35.....	87 50	7 75	79 75
Grand Encampment Books, 3.....	3 00		3 00
Diplomas, 273.....	141 25	32 76	108 49
Institution Books, 13.....	16 25	2 21	14 04
Installation Books, 47.....	47 00	6 11	40 89
Degree Books, 90.....	225 00	15 30	209 70
Forms for Degree Lodges sold, 155..... } Number put in old books, 220..... } 375.	7 75	3 75	4 00
	$4,023 80	$270 39	$3,753 41

TOTAL RECEIPTS.

Balance	Statement	$113 00	
	Supplementary	60 50	
			$173 50
Cards	Statement	1,966 00	
	Supplementary	516 60	
			2,482 60
Books	Statement	962 01	
	Supplementary	306 99	
			1,269 00
Representative Tax	Statement	3,150 00	
	Supplementary	2,400 00	
			5,550 00
Dues	Statement	51 70	
	Supplementary	45 11	
			96 81
Diplomas	Statement	88 75	
	Supplementary	52 50	
			141 25
Odes	Statement	63 00	
	Supplementary	16 25	
			79 25
Miscellaneous	Statement	40 13	
	Supplementary	207 80	
			247 93
Total			$10,040 00

The Corresponding Secretary herewith presents the subjoined statement of the amount received for the Wildey Monument Fund, and in this connexion has to express his regret that he is not able to supply the names of the Lodges, Encampments, and individual Brothers who have made these contributions, for the reason that not having been generally known that such lists were required, many of the Grand Secretaries and Grand Scribes have failed to furnish them. Should it be determined to give publicity to the names of the contributors, it is suggested that lists may be obtained in time for the Revised Journal.

WILDEY MONUMENT FUND.

Tennessee	$ 68 75
Michigan	263 66
Kansas	22 50
Kentucky	148 30
New Jersey	45 00
Indiana	603 20
Maine	71 50
California	1,680 00
Illinois	237 97
Missouri	465 00
Pennsylvania	899 75
Canada West	55 75
District of Columbia	25 35
Southern New York	225 00
New Hampshire	74 80
	$4,886 53

Respectfully submitted.

JAS. L. RIDGELY, *Corresponding Secretary.*

ANNUAL REPORT *of Grand and Subordinate Lodges to the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, for the year ending June* 30, 1863.

LODGES.	No. of Lodges.	No. of Initiations.	No. of rejections.	No. admitted by card.	No. withdrawn by card.	No. of reinstatements.	No. of suspensions.	No. of expulsions.
G. L. Maryland.....	83	329	33	18	80	73	995	13
G. L. Massachusetts...	58	238	11	21	22	19	149	1
G. L. S. New York....	103	528	8	33	69	57	525	6
G. L. Pennsylvania ...	477	2464	192	230	279	395	2818	55
G. L. Dis. of Columbia	13	200	14	13	11	20	45	1
G. L. Delaware.....	27	75	11	3	7	21	1	2
G. L. Ohio	342	957	.....	257	406	117	.....	44
G. L. Louisiana*	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
G. L. New Jersey.....	84	209	23	22	15	33	338	11
G. L. Kentucky	110	256	21	28	60	29	298	9
G. L. Virginia*	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
G. L. Indiana.	195	848	70	188	169	113	445	27
G. L. Mississippi*.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
G. L. Missouri	96	138	28	34	42	50	396	2
G. L. Illinois	237	967	72	206	244	337	7	18
G. L. Connecticut	20	48	.....	2	5	4	62	2
G. L. Texas*	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
G. L. Tennessee†	.....	75	19	23	34	19	209	137
G. L. South Carolina*	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
G. L. Alabama*	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
G. L. North Carolina*	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
G. L. Georgia*	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
G. L. Maine	22	114	2	5	3	.....	52	1
G. L. New Hampshire.	19	187	4	7	7	6	54	5
G. L. Michigan	50	341	40	27	49	32	79	38
G. L. Wisconsin	52	245	31	51	38	31	74	55
G. L. Vermont.....	4	22	.....	2	4	2	20	1
G. L. Iowa	92	355	41	79	80	49	267	9
G. L. Arkansas*	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
G. L. Rhode Island....	13	17	.....	1	1	.....	51	.....
G. L. N. New York ...	497	424	34	30	50	78	492	3
G. L. Florida*.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
G. L. Minnesota	8	49	8	5	15	4	41	.....
G. L. California	118	970	124	521	504	102	455	17
G. L. L. Pro. B.N.A.*	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
G. L. Canada West ...	15	82	1	5	15	9	26	3
G. L. Oregon	11	62	8	9	12	.....	14	2
G. L. Nebraska	5	28	5	19	.....	6	.....	8
G. L. Kansas.....	8	55	4	24	27	9	53	7
Sandwich Islands	1	.....	.....	2	3	.....	.....	.....
New Mexico*.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	2750	10,283	803	1865	2251	1615	7966	477

* No report. † No report of members.

ANNUAL REPORT *of Grand and Subordinate Lodges to the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, for the year ending June* 30, 1863, *continued.*

LODGES.	No. of deaths.	No. of members.	No. of brothers relieved.	No. of widowed families relieved.	Amount paid for the relief of brothers.	Am't paid for the relief of widowed families.
G. L. Maryland.....	126	11,058	1562	124	$27,379 43	$16,948 50
G. L. Massachusetts..	59	4312	366	158	8,541 38	2,526 28
G. L. N. New York ...	124	6680	1026	300	22,095 36	4,675 72
G. L. Pennsylvania ...	565	37,646	5414	484	82,381 35	6,775 86
G. L. Dis. of Columbia	22	1404	244	22	2,879 39	744 00
G. L. Delaware	15	1682	179	21	2,501 37	256 75
G. L. Ohio.	265	19,480	1933	320	29,777 80	4,821 52
G. L. Louisiana*	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
G. L. New Jersey.....	48	4490	543	53	10,907 11	1,095 27
G. L. Kentucky	48	3463	404	102	7,170 82	1,732 93
G. L. Virginia*.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	....
G. L. Indiana.....	137	7939	1159	112	15,015 87	1,511 03
G. L. Mississippi*.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
G. L. Missouri	36	2430	231	77	3,879 15	2,594 45
G. L. Illinois.....	83	6836	442	73	4,899 00	1,201 07
G. L. Connecticut.. ...	14	1303	147	14	4,529 38	191 74
G. L. Texas*.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
G. L. Tennessee†	20	1370	.....	.....	1,120 64	504 00
G. L. South Carolina*	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
G. L. Alabama*	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
G. L. North Carolina*	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
G. L. Georgia*	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	....
G. L. Maine	15	1237	80	14	2,749 00	145 00
G. L. New Hampshire.	26	1696	152	4	2,871 68	64 45
G. L. Michigan	29	2125	48	20	1,021 07	349 15
G. L. Wisconsin	20	1631	14	7	257 00	.....
G. L. Vermont	2	141	10	.....	119 50	.....
G. L. Iowa.....	38	2865	140	16	1,612 42	349 48
G. L. Arkansas*.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
G. L. Rhode Island ...	5	560	45	43	1,164 27	219 30
G. L. N. New York...	65	5031	384	76	5,954 40	1,207 53
G. L. Florida*.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
G. L. Minnesota.....	5	276	8	.....	95 25	.....
G. L. California	44	6100	791	36	27,821 32	2,569 50
G. L. L. Pro. B.N.A.*	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
G. L. Canada West ...	6	573	27	9	399 48	334 00
G. L. Oregon.....	1	380	.....	.....	.....	.....
G. L. Nebraska.....	3	178	.....	1	.....	32 00
G. L. Kansas	.....	346	26	.....	421 00	.....
Sandwich Islands	1	37	.....	.....	.....	.....
New Mexico*.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	1817	133,269	15,325	2086	$268,464 54	$50,849 53

* No report. † No. report of members.

ANNUAL REPORT *of Grand and Subordinate Lodges to the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, for the year ending June* 30, 1863, *continued.*

LODGES.	Amount paid for the education of orphans.	Amount paid for burying the dead.	Total relief.	Amount of the annual receipts.
G. L. Maryland.....	$3,102 80	$7,445 00	$54,875 73	$74,747 63
G. L. Massachusetts ...	.....	1,875 75	17,052 47	24,829 65
G. L. S. New York....	246 00	4,356 06	31,373 14	56,792 94
G. L. Pennsylvania ...	2 00	27,067 41	116,226 62	232,601 00
G. L. Dis. of Columbia	583 86	856 00	5,063 23	12,449 47
G. L. Delaware	95 59	627 13	3,480 84	6,946 32
G. L. Ohio	110 95	6,304 52	41,014 89	92,240 19
G. L. Louisiana*	....	.....	.....	.....
G. L. New Jersey.....	574 37	1,719 89	14,296 64	30,202 96
G. L. Kentucky	182 46	2,074 15	11,160 36	23,942 15
G. L. Virginia*	.....	.....	.....	.....
G. L. Indiana.....	1,362 69	2,584 43	20,474 02	67,478 24
G. L. Mississippi*	.....	.....	.....	.....
G. L. Missouri	1,301 30	1,158 95	8,933 85	16,908 15
G. L. Illinois	169 70	1,379 34	7,649 11	43,628 94
G. L. Connecticut.....	27 01	275 00	5,023 13	10,175 12
G. L. Texas*	.....	.....	.....	.....
G. L. Tennessee†.....	.....	561 75	2,186 39	5,914 40
G. L. South Carolina*	.....	.....	.....	.....
G. L. Alabama*.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
G. L. North Carolina*	.....	.....	.....	.....
G. L. Georgia*	.....	.....	.....	.....
G. L. Maine	.....	273 00	3,167 00	5,793 00
G. L. New Hampshire.	.....	745 00	3,681 13	2,598 00
G. L. Michigan	8 27	331 24	1,709 73	8,953 98
G. L. Wisconsin	.....	56 00	868 56	6,592 05
G. L. Vermont	.....	60 00	179 50	73 77
G. L. Iowa	.....	865 75	2,827 65	15,041 06
G. L. Arkansas*	.....	.....	.....	.....
G. L. Rhode Island....	12 00	210 00	1,605 57	3,360 00
G. L. N. New York...	68 27	1,444 94	8,675 14	24,488 42
G. L. Florida*.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
G. L. Minnesota	5 00	82 50	179 75	1,786 03
G. L. California.....	185 79	4,057 07	34,633 68	159,943 69
G. L. L. Pro. B.N.A.*	.....	.....	.....	.....
G. L. Canada West ...	10 00	115 00	858 48	3,174 60
G. L. Oregon	.....	.....	.....	4,400 00
G. L. Nebraska	.....	90 00	122 00	847 25
G. L. Kansas	.....	.....	421 00	3,127 94
Sandwich Islands.....	.....	.....	.....	619 58
New Mexico*.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	$8,048 06	$66,615 88	$397,739 61	$939,656 53

* No report.

† No report of members.

ANNUAL REPORT *of Grand and Subordinate Encampments to the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, for the year ending June* 30, 1863.

ENCAMPMENTS.	No. of encampments.	No. of initiations.	No. of rejections.	No. admitted by card.	No. withdrawn by card.	No. of reinstatements.	No. of suspensions.	No. of expulsions.	No. of deaths.	No. of members.	No. of members relieved.	No. of wid'd families reliev'd.
G. E. Maryland.....	9	24	2	2	4	3	83	1	19	1197	280	15
G. E. Pennsylvania.....	80	235	3	7	14	23	220	4	51	4582	746	34
G. E. S. New York.....	10	42	...	3	3	...	45	...	9	385	35	...
G. E. Ohio.....	69	147	10	53	79	9	7	217	54	3624	409	7
G. E. Kentucky.....	21	59	5	4	7	4	64	2	11	597	52	1
G. E. Virginia*.....	...	.....	...	...	...	...	.....	...	.....	.....	.....	...
G. E. Connecticut.....	6	13	...	...	8	1	13	...	2	212	13	...
G. E. New Jersey.....	18	44	...	3	10	9	26	...	3	378	36	1
G. E. South Carolina*.	...	.....	...	...	...	...	.....	...	.....	.....	.....	...
G. E. Massachusetts.....	14	73	...	3	2	3	23	...	9	774	46	3
G. E. Maine.....	6	7	...	...	2	...	4	...	1	182	8	...
G. E. New Hampshire..	6	53	2	...	2	...	5	...	3	329	22	...
G. E. Missouri.....	23	53	1	4	6	1	69	...	3	472	5	...
G. E. Dis. of Columbia.	4	39	...	3	2	...	10	1	5	330	46	1
G. E. Georgia*.....	...	.....	...	...	...	...	.....	...	.....	.....	.....	...
G. E. North Carolina*.	...	.....	...	...	...	...	.....	...	.....	.....	.....	...
G. E. Indiana.....	57	111	3	8	24	14	45	5	21	1611	205	4
G. E. Michigan.....	6	35	...	...	2	2	2	1	.....	145	.....	...
G. E. Tennessee‡	...	15	3	2	...	...	18	...	4	.....	14	...
G. E. Mississippi*.....	...	.....	...	...	...	...	.....	...	.....	.....	.....	...
G. E. Louisiana*.....	...	.....	3	...	...	...	.....	...	.....	.....	.....	...
G. E. Alabama*.....	...	.....	...	...	...	...	.....	...	.....	.....	.....	...
G. E. Wisconsin.....	11	13	...	...	1	2	.....	...	1	164	.....	...
G. E. Rhode Island.....	6	6	...	...	...	1	16	...	1	156	.....	...
G. E. N. New York.....	76	53	3	3	6	15	30	...	7	564	13	1
G. E. Illinois.....	43	168	7	30	16	13	124	1	9	1006	25	2
G. E. Iowa.....	13	26	3	13	5	2	27	...	3	305	8	...
G. E. Texas*.....	...	.....	...	...	...	...	.....	...	.....	.....	.....	...
G. E. California.....	23	115	102	18	61	4	54	3	4	654	50	3
Delaware.....	5	17	...	1	1	3	5	...	1	176	10	...
Sandwich Islands*.....	...	.....	...	...	...	...	.....	...	.....	.....	.....	...
Arkansas*.....	...	.....	...	...	...	...	.....	...	.....	.....	.....	...
Vermont‡	2	2	...	...	...	...	.....	...		24	.....	...
Florida*.....	...	.....	...	...	...	...	.....	...	.....	.....	.....	...
Minnesota*.....	...	.....	...	...	...	...	.....	...	.....	.....	.....	...
L. Provinces B. N. A*.	...	.....	...	...	...	...	.....	...	.....	.....	.....	...
Oregon*.....	...	.....	...	...	...	...	.....	...	.....	.....	.....	...
Kansas.....	1	2	...	...	...	...	3	...	.....	25	.. ...	...
Canada West*.....	...	.....	...	...	...	...	.....	...	.....	.....	.....	...
Nebraska.....	1	1	...	...	...	...	.....	...	.....	15	.....	...
	512	1353	144	157	255	109	891	235	221	17908	2023	72

* No reports. † One reported. ‡ No report of members.

ANNUAL REPORT *of Grand and Subordinate Encampments to the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, for the year ending June* 30, 1863—*continued.*

ENCAMPMENTS.	Amount paid for the relief of Patriarchs.	Amount paid for the relief of widowed families.	Am't paid for educ'n orp'ns.	Amount paid for burying the dead.	Total relief.	Amount of annual receipts.
G. E. Maryland.....	$4761 00	$1670 00	.....	$695 00	$7,274 00	$7,633 79
G. E. Pennsylvania.....	12,994 65	326 58	.....	2,505 00	15,826 23	28,981 61
G. E. S. New York.....	942 00	.....	.....	105 00	1,047 00	2,140 25
G. E. Ohio.	6,774 55	194 26	.....	880 00	7,848 81	19,310 15
G. E. Kentucky.....	625 50	25 00	49 90	224 90	925 30	2,623 55
G. E. Virginia*.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
G. E. Connecticut.....	240 00	.....	.....	.....	240 00	564 02
G. E. New Jersey.....	373 50	3 75	.....	30 00	407 25	1,307 86
G. E. South Carolina*.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
G. E. Massachusetts.....	887 50	140 00	12 00	60 00	1,099 50	3,779 79
G. E. Maine.....	74 00	.....	.....	.....	74 00	575 00
G. E. New Hampshire..	207 00	.....	.....	.....	207 00	485 00
G. E. Missouri.....	178 00	.....	.....	.....	178 00	1,337 12
G. E. Dis. of Columbia.	369 00	12 33	.....	90 00	471 33	1,271 22
G. E. Georgia*.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
G. E. North Carolina*.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
G. E. Indiana.....	1,988 60	58 00	.....	345 00	2,391 60	6,458 62
G. E. Michigan.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	484 74
G. E. Tennessee.....	323 00	.....	.....	120 00	443 00	1,071 55
G. E. Mississippi*.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
G. E. Louisiana*.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
G. E. Alabama*.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
G. E. Wisconsin.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
G. E. Rhode Island.....	.....	.....	.....	20 00	20 00	423 98
G. E. N. New York.....	148 00	5 00	.....	50 00	203 00	1,885 41
G. E. Illinois.....	227 50	67 25	.....	.....	294 75	1,928 29
G. E. Iowa.....	50 50	.....	.....	5 00	55 50	918 93
G. E. Texas*.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
G. E. California.....	1,153 00	35 00	.....	40 00	1,228 00	10,902 41
Delaware.....	2 82	.....	.....	50 00	3 32	829 14
Sandwich Islands*.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Arkansas*	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Vermont.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	10 00
Florida*.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Minnesota.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
L. Provinces B. N. A...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Oregon.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Kansas.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	162 25
Canada West.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Nebraska.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	36 15
	32,599 30	2,537 17	60 90	5,219 90	40,418 27	95,120 83

* No reports. † One reported.

The Standing Committees being called, under the rule, for the presentation of reports—

Rep. SANDERS, of Northern New York, from the Committee on the State of the Order, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was referred the several decisions made by the M. W. Grand Sire, respectfully report: That they have given the same a careful examination, and find, with two exceptions, that the same are in accordance with the law and usage of the Order, and therefore recommend that the same be approved by the R. W. Grand Lodge.

Your committee recommend that the words "or in a separate portion of the regular minute book," as found at the fourth line in the *third* decision, be stricken out, the same being contrary to the law of the Order—the decision of the M. W. Grand Sire as given in the remaining portion, being, as your committee believe, correct.

Your committee also recommend that the *fourth* decision, as made by the M. W. Grand Sire, be reversed. From an examination of the intention of the Grand Lodge, as gathered from the proceedings of the R. W. Grand Lodge at the time of the adoption of the *form* in question, it would seem that the same was intended to be used in all Lodges whilst working in the degrees.

They therefore offer the following resolutions for your consideration:

Resolved, That all proceedings had by Lodges in reference to balloting or conferring degrees must be recorded in a book kept exclusively for that purpose.

Resolved, That the form in reference to working in the degrees adopted by the Grand Lodge in 1852 shall be used in all Lodges when opened for the purpose of ballot or conferring the said degrees.

Resolved, That the decisions of the M. W. Grand Sire, excepting the above, be confirmed by this R. W. Grand Lodge.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. P. SANDERS,
W. CHIDSEY,
JOS. B. ESCAVAILLE,
J. W. STOKES,
T. B. McCARTY.

Rep. CADY, of Kentucky, from the Legislative Committee, made the following report, which was considered and adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Legislative Committee, to whom was referred the resolution submitted by Rep. BINGHAM, of Canada West—

"*Resolved*, That the Legislative Committee be instructed to consider and report to this Grand Lodge upon the propriety of such amendment of law, or change of usage, as will allow the initiation into our Order of members holding connexion with the Manchester Unity of Odd-Fellows"

Asks leave to have the same referred to the Committee on the State of the Order, to decide upon the propriety of such change, as no legislation is required by the resolution.

C. G. CADY,
THOS. T. SMILEY,
J. GRISWOLD,
R. A. LAMBERTON,
GEO. W. CASSEDY.

On motion of Rep. ESCAVAILLE, of Maryland, the Lodge proceeded to the consideration of the pending amendment to the Constitution, page 3491 of the Journal, as follows:

Amend the second paragraph of the fourteenth article of the Constitution, by striking out the word "seventy-five" and inserting "fifty."

The question being on the adoption of the proposed amendment, it was resolved in the negative, it requiring a three-fourth vote to alter the Constitution.

The yeas and nays appeared as follows:

YEAS.—Reps. Allison, Armstrong, Boydston, Brown, Buckley, Burnham, (2 votes,) Cady, Cassedy, Davies, Dixon, Doe, Driscol, Escavaille, Foster, Garrett, Gilman, Ham, Hayden, Havenner, Hopkins, Hovey, Hunt, Hyland, Kay, Kidder, Kimball, of California, Kimball, of New Hampshire, Lamb, Lamberton, Leech, (2 votes,) Logan, Marley, Menzies, McCarty, McLean, Parker, Piper, Sanders, of Indiana, Scott, Simpson, Smith, Stokes, Tapping, Thompson, Williams, Young—50.

NAYS.—Reps. Bingham, Carlton, Chidsey, Farnsworth, Foss, Gunn, Griswold, Judd, Kirkup, Leonard, Rucker, Sanders, of Northern New York, Schiefer, Simms, Slater, Smiley, Terwilliger, Tucker, Veitch, Wilson, Wright—20.

On motion of Rep. SIMPSON, of Pennsylvania, the Lodge agreed to consider the appeal against Ajalon Lodge, No. 282, of Pennsylvania, laying over since last session, and reported by the Committee on Unfinished Business, when, on his motion, the appeal was indefinitely postponed, for the following reasons assigned by him:

Inasmuch as the beneficiary in the appeal case against Ajalon Lodge, No. 282, of Pennsylvania, laid over at the last session of this Grand Lodge, has deceased without heirs, and there is no person or persons entitled to receive any sum that might be awarded, and as there was no person to whom notice could be given of the collation of the facts omitted in the case as presented last year, the Lodge deemed it inadvisable to proceed further, and as the judgment of this Grand Lodge cannot be enforced if decided adversely to the Lodge for want of a recipient, therefore

Resolved, That the further consideration of the case be indefinitely postponed.

The second subject reported by the Committee on Unfinished Business, viz: the resolution of Rep. SANDERS, of Northern New York, on the subject of admitting to membership persons under twenty-one years of age, was, on motion of Rep. TERWILLIGER, of Northern New York, indefinitely postponed.

On motion of Rep. CASSEDY, of New Jersey, all pending amendments to the Constitution were postponed until the next session.

Rep. CASSEDY, of New Jersey, from the Legislative Committee, made the following report:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

Your Legislative Committee, to whom was referred the resolution of Rep. BUCKLEY, of New Jersey, (page 3538 Journal,) in relation to the Digest to be submitted in manuscript or proof sheets, beg leave to report and recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Digest when completed be submitted in manuscript or proof sheets to the Grand Sire, Deputy Grand Sire, and Grand Secretary, and when approved by them, be published under the direction of the last named officer, in such form as to him shall appear advisable.

GEO. W. CASSEDY,
J. GRISWOLD,
R. A. LAMBERTON,
C. G. CADY,
THOS. T. SMILEY.

On motion of Rep. LAMBERTON, of Pennsylvania, the rule was suspended, and the report was considered and adopted.

Rep. CASSEDY, of New Jersey, from the Legislative Committee, made the following report:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

Your Legislative Committee, to whom were referred the preamble and resolution of Rep. VEITCH, of Missouri, (page 3531 of Journal,) in relation to a classification of members of Subordinate Encampments and Lodges, ask leave to report that we deem it unwise and contrary to one of the leading principles of our Order to create distinctions in its membership. The passage of a law such as is contemplated would seem to destroy that equality so essential to harmony and fraternity. We therefore report adversely to the passage of the preamble and resolution.

GEO. W. CASSEDY,
C. G. CADY,
J. GRISWOLD,
THOS. T. SMILEY.

I concur in the foregoing adverse report for the reason that, in my opinion, the legislation asked for is inexpedient at this time.

R. A. LAMBERTON,

On motion of Rep. BOYDSTON, of Nebraska, the rule was suspended and the report was considered and adopted.

Rep. CASSEDY, of New Jersey, from the Legislative Committee, made the following report:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

Your Legislative Committee, to whom was referred the resolution of Rep. VEITCH, of Missouri, (page 3537 of Journal,) on the subject of communicating the A. T. P. W. to an absent brother, ask leave to report that the adoption of such a resolution is so perfectly proper that we unhesitatingly recommend the passage thereof with some slight changes, as follows:

Resolved, That if a brother, applying for a visiting or final card, be absent from the location of his Lodge or Encampment, so that he cannot obtain the A. T. P. W. with his card in person, it shall be the duty of the proper officers, upon the granting of such card, to transmit the same to the brother, and also send therewith a letter in the following form, to-wit:—

.....Lodge, (or Encampment,) No. .....
Of.....State of.....
.....day of.....18.....

To the Noble Grand of any Lodge of the I. O. O. F.
(or Chief Patriarch of any Encampment:)

The bearer, Brother (or Patriarch).....holding a legal Card from this.....dated this.....day of.....18... for the period of.....months, is entitled to the A. T. P. W. for the current year, which please communicate to him after due examination, whereupon you will retain or destroy this letter.

(Seal.) .....N. Grand (or C. P.)

Attest,

.....Secretary (or Scribe.)

GEO. W. CASSEDY,
J. GRISWOLD,
R. A. LAMBERTON,
C. G. CADY,
THOS. T. SMILEY.

On motion of Rep. BURNHAM, of Maine, the rule was suspended and the report was considered and adopted.

Rep. CASSEDY, of New Jersey, from the Legislative Committee, made the following report:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

Your Legislativee Committee, to whom were referred the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin, (to be found on page 3538 of the Journal,) asking that the two branches of the Order, Subordinate and Encampment, be consolidated into one, beg leave to report that we deem such consolidation uncalled for and objectionable on many accounts, and especially so at the present time. We therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Grand Lodge of the United States adheres to its action, frequently had, adverse to a consolidation of the two branches of the Order, deeming such consolidation of doubtful expediency, even though this Grand Lodge possesses the power (which is questionable in the minds of your committee,) to reclaim charters where there have been no violations of law.

GEO. W. CASSEDY,
R. A. LAMBERTON,
THOS. T. SMILEY,
C. G. CADY,
J. GRISWOLD.

On motion of Rep. SMITH, of Southern New York, the rule was suspended and the report was considered and adopted.

Rep. CASSEDY, of New Jersey, from the Legislative Committee, made the following report:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

Your Legislative Committee to whom were referred the proceedings of the Grand Encampment of Iowa, (page 3538,) requesting their Grand Representative to urge upon the consideration of this Grand Lodge the propriety of merging the Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment of Iowa into one Grand Lodge, with

power to legislate for each branch of the Order in that State, beg leave to report as follows:

Serious obstacles interpose and render it very difficult, if not impossible, to legally grant such application. Even though the Grand Encampment of Iowa might be willing to surrender its charter and yield up its separate existence, nevertheless your committee cannot clearly see that any *power* exists which could compel every member of the Grand Lodge of Iowa to be exalted to the Royal Purple Degree to qualify him to sit in his Grand Lodge, after the Grand Encampment of that jurisdiction shall have been merged into its Grand Lodge.

Your committee endorse fully the views of the Legislative Committee of the last session, contained in their report (page 3479 Revised Journal) on a similar application of the Grand Lodge of Ohio, wherein the committee say:

"The Grand Lodge have repeatedly decided against any change whatever looking to the mergement of any portion of the Patriarchal Order in the Lodge department of the Order, and your committee deem the present a very inopportune moment to attempt any change in the fundamental laws of the Order."

We therefore report adversely to any action by this Grand Lodge on the subject.

GEO. W. CASSEDY,
J. GRISWOLD,
R. A. LAMBERTON,
C. G. CADY,
THOS. T. SMILEY.

On motion of Rep. BOYDSTON, of Nebraska, the rule was suspended and the report was considered and adopted.

On motion of Rep. CASSEDY, of New Jersey, the Lodge agreed to consider the report of the Legislative Committee, page 3545, proposing to amend the thirteenth article of the By-Laws.

The question being on the adoption of the proposed amendment to the By-Laws, it was resolved in the affirmative.

The yeas and nays appeared as follows:

YEAS.—Reps Allison, Armstrong, Bingham, Boydston, Browne, Buckley, Cady, Carlton, Cassedy, Chidsey, Davies, Dixon, Escavaille, Ellis, Farnsworth, Foss, Foster, Garrett, Gilman, Gunn, Griswold, Ham, Hayden, Havenner, Hollis, Hopkins, Hovey. Hyland, Judd, Kimball, of Cal., Kimball, of N. H., Kay, Kirkup, Lamb, Lamberton, Leech, Leonard, Littlefield, Logan, Marley, Menzies, McCarty, McLean, Parker, Piper, Rucker, Sanders, of Northern New York, Sanders, of Indiana, Scott, Schiefer, Simpson, Slater, Smiley, Smith, Stokes, Tapping, Terwilliger, Thompson, Tucker, Veitch, Wemmell, Williams, Wilson, Wright, Young—60.

NAYS.—Reps. Burnham, (2 votes,) Kidder—3.

On motion of Rep. WILSON, of Wisconsin, the Lodge agreed to consider the report of the Committee on Printing, (page 3545 Journal,) which, with the accompanying resolution, was adopted.

Rep. GARRETT, of Iowa, laid on the table the following proposed amendment to the Constitution:

By Rep. Garrett, of Iowa, seconded by Reps. Cassedy, of New Jersey, Escavaille, of Maryland, Williams, of Minn., Kay, of Delaware, Burnham, of Maine, Davies, of Southern New York, Thompson, of Missouri, McLean, of District of Columbia.

Amend the second paragraph of the fourteenth article of the Constitution by striking out the word "seventy-five" and inserting "fifty."

On motion of Rep. DAVIES, of Southern New York, the Lodge agreed to consider the amendment to the By-Laws, (page 3536 Journal,) being a proposed amendment to article twenty-two, as follows:

Amend article twenty-two of the By-Laws, by adding thereto after the words "yellow lace or fringe," in the fourth paragraph, as follows: "P. C. P's shall wear purple collars or sashes, and aprons as above described."

The question being on the adoption of the amendment, it was resolved in the affirmative.

The yeas and nays appeared as follows:

YEAS.—Reps. Allison, Armstrong, Bidwell, Bingham, Boydston, Browne, Buckley, Burnham, (2 votes,) Cady, Carlton, Cassedy, Chidsey, Davies, Dixon, Doe, Driscol, Escavaille, Ellis, Farnsworth, Foss, Foster, Garrett, Gunn, Griswold, Gilmer, Ham, Hayden, Havenner, Hollis, Hopkins, Hovey, Hunt, Hyland, Judd, Kay, Kimball, of Cal., Kidder, Kimball, of N. H., Kirkup, Lamb, Lamberton, Leech, Logan, Menzies, McCarty, McLean, Parker, Piper, Rucker, Sanders, of Northern New York, Sanders, of Indiana, Scott, Schiefer, Simms, Simpson, Slater, Smiley, Smith, Stokes, Tapping, Terwilliger, Thompson, Tucker, Veitch, Wemmell, Williams, Wilson, Wright, Young—70.

NAYS.—None.

Rep. DAVIES, of Southern New York, from the Committee on Appeals, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Appeals, to whom was referred the appeal of P. G. M. John A. Thompson and others, being a minority of the R. W. Grand Lodge of Maryland, against the action of said Grand Lodge in holding a special session on Friday, September 11th, 1863, would respectfully report that section 4, article 2, of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Maryland enacts that it "shall be assembled by the Grand Master at any time upon the application of twelve P. G.'s on general business of the Order or private business of particular Lodges." In the paper submitted there is nothing showing that the call of the special session was not in strict conformity with this provision of the Constitution, in the absence of which proof your committee are not able to determine whether the Grand Lodge of Maryland was specially convened according to the aforesaid article and section of the Constitution. Your committee would therefore ask to be discharged from further consideration of the matter, and recommend that the appeal be dismissed.

JOHN J. DAVIES,
W. H. HOPKINS,
IRA C. DOE,
F. M. FOSTER,
E. A. RUCKER.

Rep. DAVIES, of Southern New York, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Appeals, to whom was referred the "Appeal of New York Lodge, No. 10," beg leave to submit the following report:

It appears from the papers submitted to the committee that New York Lodge, No. 10, under the jurisdiction of the R. W. Grand Lodge of Southern New York,

on the 28th January, 1863, requested of the D. D. Grand Master an official decision "as to the law requiring that Lodge when about opening in the degrees for the purpose of balloting to grant certificates to enable a brother to obtain his degrees, to follow the form adopted and published by the Grand Lodge of the United States for 'opening and closing Degree Lodges, and Lodges working in the Degrees;' also, as to the necessity of keeping a separate minute book of the proceedings," and that the D. D. Grand Master made decisions upon the matters submitted to him, from which the Lodge appealed to the Grand Master, who thereupon gave it as his opinion, "That a Subordinate Lodge does not become a Degree Lodge, although it confers the first five degrees of the Order on its members; its powers are derived from its charter as a Subordinate Lodge; therefore the form enacted for opening and closing Degree Lodges does not apply to Subordinate Lodges; but that, by action of the Grand Lodge of the United States, session 1854, pp. 2214, 2264 and 2327, 'proceedings had by Lodges when open in a particular degree, whether for the purpose of ballot or conferring degrees, must be recorded in a distinct *minute book*'"—and officially notified the Lodge that it was required to act in accordance with that opinion. From that decision of the Grand Master the Lodge appealed to the R. W. Grand Lodge of Southern New York, which body "resolved that the action of the Grand Master be confirmed, and that the appeal of New York Lodge, No. 10, be dismissed." From the action of the Grand Lodge of Southern New York, New York Lodge now appeals to this Grand Lodge.

Your committee find that the decisions of the M. W. Grand Sire, Nos. 3 and 4, as communicated in his report to the Grand Lodge of the United States, at its present session, were made upon questions submitted to him by the Grand Master of the jurisdiction of Southern New York, and were communicated to that Grand Master and to the Grand Lodge of that jurisdiction, previous to its action upon the appeal of New York Lodge, No 10. The decision of the Grand Master of Southern New York was in conformity with those of the Grand Slre, and inasmuch as the decisions of the Grand Sire were, in the opinion of your committee, binding (see Constitution G. L. U. S., article fourth, section first) upon the Grand Master who submitted the questions, the action of the Grand Lodge Southern New York, confirming the action of their Grand Master and dismissing the appeal of New York Lodge, No. 10, was correct.

Your committee therefore, without expressing any opinion as to the correctness of the decisions (Nos. 3 and 4) of the Grand Sire, as above referred to, recommend that the "appeal of New York Lodge, No. 10," be dismissed.

JOHN J. DAVIES,
IRA C. DOE,
W. H. HOPKINS,
E. A. RUCKER,
F. M. FOSTER.

Rep. DAVIES, of Southern New York, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Appeals, to whom was referred the "Appeal of Siloam Lodge, No. 2, of Massachusetts," beg leave to submit the following report:

From the papers submitted to the committee it appears that on the 10th of April, 1845, Siloam Lodge, No. 2, admitted to membership, by initiatiou, Bro. SIMON FRASER; that he remained a member in good standing in that Lodge until the period of his death, on the 29th of October, 1862; that from the time of his initiation to the time of his death, (a period of over seventeen years,) the Lodge paid Brother FRASER "sick benefits" to the amount of $311.10, and paid to his widow a "funeral benefit" of $30; that after the death of Brother FRASER the Lodge (by vote taken on the 13th of November, 1862) resolved to strike the name of the widow, Mrs. A. R. FRASER, from the list of widows, and refused to pay to her the "widow's benefit," provided for in the by-laws of the Lodge.

The Secretary of the Lodge, on the 12th of December, 1862, notified Mrs. FRASER in writing that in consequence of her late husband misrepresenting his age at the time he joined the Lodge she was not entitled to the widow's benefits; that the laws of the Lodge provided that no member should be admitted who is over 50 years of age; that he stated his age to be 47, when in fact he was 55 years old. From the decision of Siloam Lodge Mrs. FRASER appealed to the R. W. Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, notifying the Lodge of her appeal on the 17th of February, 1863. At the session of that Grand Lodge, held the 6th of August, 18 3, the appeal of Mrs. FRASER was sustained, and the proceedings of Siloam Lodge in striking her name from the list of widows reversed. From the action of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, Siloam Lodge, No. 2, appeals to this Grand Lodge.

From papers submitted it further appears that on the 13th of July, 1843, Siloam Lodge, No. 2, adopted an amendment to their by-laws, as follows: "No person shall be admitted a member of this Lodge over fifty years of age, except by card," and that this amendment was incorporated in an edition of the Constitution and By-Laws of the Lodge printed in 1844; that the brother who proposed Brother FRASER, on the 13th March, 1845, stated his age at 47, but that Brother FRASER, upon signing the Constitution, at his admission, on 10th April, 1845, stated his age at 45 years; that one or more of the members of the Lodge had information, several months previous to the death of Brother FRASER, as to the age of the Brother at his admission into the Lodge, but that such information was not communicated to the Lodge, and no action whatever appears to have been taken in or by the Lodge at any time previous to the death of Brother FRASER, of or concerning any misrepresentation made in relation to the age of the brother at the time of his admission.

Your committee do not consider it necessary or proper to re-produce any of the facts or statements presented before them, further than they have done. This Grand Lodge, at its session in 1859, (see Journal Grand Lodge of the United States, pages 3122, 3135,) had before it, in the "appeal of a minority of the R. W. Grand Encampment of Maryland," a case similar to the case presented in this appeal of Siloam Lodge, and in which the material points presented by this record were decided by this Grand Lodge. In the report of the Committee of Appeals in that case, the committee say that they "are agreed upon the opinion that it is improper to bring a charge against a brother after his death." The Grand Lodge of the United States concurred in that opinion by the adoption of the report. The present committee consider the decision in the case above referred to as a precedent which should govern in the case now presented by the appeal of Siloam Lodge, No. 2, and binding as such. Brother FRASER is now dead. No charges of any kind having as yet been preferred against him, and it not now being proper to bring them, it seems that it would be equally improper to investigate facts and circumstances that only tend to substantiate such charges. In the opinion of this committee, Brother FRASER having been legally admitted to membership in Siloam Lodge—and the legality of such admission not having been questioned during his life-time—to now question it, after his death, would be equivalent to bringing charges against him. It is not proper to do so. The right of Mrs. FRASER to widow's benefits provided for by the laws of Siloam Lodge, No. 2, accrued to her in virtue of her husband's good standing in the Lodge at his decease, and cannot be affected by any conduct of her husband during his life, which was not made to affect his good standing, and she should not be prejudiced by testimony concerning his conduct which would not now be admissible against him.

In view of the facts in this case, and the former adjudication of this Grand Lodge, your committee recommend that the appeal of Siloam Lodge, No. 2, from the action of the R. W. Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, in the case of Mrs. A. R. FRASER against Siloam Lodge, No. 2, be dismissed.

JOHN J. DAVIES,
IRA C. DOE,
W. H. HOPKINS,
E. A. RUCKER,
F. M. FOSTER.

Rep. DAVIES, of Southern New York, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Appeals, to whom was referred the appeal of Grand Master BABCOCK against the action of the R. W. Grand Lodge of Ohio, respectfully report:

That in the exercise of the duties of his office as Grand Master, he made the following decision:

"1st. A Lodge is not bound for the payment of funeral benefits or expenses when no expense is incurred by the relatives of the member in his burial.'"

This decision the Grand Lodge of Ohio refused to confirm, and from this action the Grand Master takes appeal to this Grand Lodge, basing his grounds of appeal on the decision of this body in the case of Patuxent Lodge *vs.* Grand Lodge of Maryland, and upon the law of Ohio In the case of Patuxent Lodge there is laid down a clear and marked distinction between funeral expenses and benefits. The local law of Maryland is, that on the death of a member, whether beneficiary or not, there shall be paid a certain specified sum to defray the expenses of the funeral, and a further funeral benefit of such an amount as may be provided for by the by-laws of the Lodge; the funeral benefit was paid by the Lodge, but the amount prescribed by the Constitution to defray the expenses was refused, and on the appeal this Grand Body sustained the Lodge, on the ground that, as no expense had been incurred, the specific sum specially set apart for that express purpose could not be claimed by the widow, though she was justly entitled to the funeral benefit.

Your committee therefore feel fully justified in drawing a marked line of distinction between a specific provision to defray the expenses of burial and a sum to be paid as a funeral benefit; the last, they believe, should be paid to the family of the deceased, irrespective of whether the family incurred any expense or not in the burial of the deceased. Any other conclusion than this would have the effect, instead of alleviating the sorrows of a widow and orphans, to add to the grief and troubles caused by their bereavement, and would add another pang to the hearts of many a sorrowing and indigent family, who already had been deprived of the opportunity of being with him and affording consolation in his last moments, and also the mournful satisfaction of seeing his remains committed to the earth.

Entertaining these views, your committee believe that had the Grand Master confined his decision to "expenses" *only*, the decision of this Grand Lodge would have sustained him, but having connected with it "funeral benefits," the action of the Grand Lodge of Ohio should be sustained.

JOHN J. DAVIES,
IRA C. DOE,
F. M. FOSTER.

Rep. RUCKER, of Illinois, from the minority of the Committee on Appeals, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The minority of your Committee on Appeals, to whom was referred the appeal of P. G. M. C. H. BABCOCK, of Ohio, beg leave to report:

It appears from the papers submitted to the committee, that P. G. M. BABCOCK, then Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Ohio, made a decision which he communicated to the Grand Lodge as follows:

"1st. A Lodge is not bound for the payment of funeral benefits or expenses when no expense is incurred by the relatives of the member in his burial."

When this decision was before the Grand Lodge of Ohio for consideration, at its session in May, 1863, a resolution was offered as follows:

"*Resolved*, That this Grand Lodge approve of Decision No. 1, of the Most Worthy Grand Master, it being in strict accordance with the decision of the Grand Lodge of the United States."

Upon vote taken the Grand Lodge refused to adopt the resolution—which refusal being equivalent to a decision by the Grand Lodge adverse to that of the Grand Master, P. G. M. BABCOCK appealed from such decision to this Grand Lodge.

The minority of your committee find in the Constitution ordained by the Grand Lodge of Ohio for its Subordinates, the following:

"SEC. 5, ART. 9. At the decease of a member of a Lodge who was while living entitled to the benefits thereof, not less than *twenty dollars* shall be appropriated from the funds of the Lodge to defray his funeral expenses, which shall immediately be paid over to some person authorized to receive the same. Should the deceased member leave no relative or friend authorized to receive said amount, the N. G. shall take charge of his funeral, pay the expenses thereof from such appropriation and make report of his proceedings to the Lodge."

In this section the term "funeral benefit" is not to be found; that term is not used any where in the Constitution for Subordinate Lodges in Ohio; and no provision is made, by that Constitution, for the payment of a *funeral benefit*, as such. It is therefore inferred that the Grand Master, by the expression "funeral benefits or expenses," designed to convey the idea of only such funeral benefit or funeral expense as was provided for by the laws of his jurisdiction. It is also inferred, and so seems quite clear that the Grand Master intended, by the language used in his decision, to decide that a Lodge was not bound for the payment *to the relatives of a deceased member* of funeral benefits or funeral expenses in a case where no expense is incurred by such relatives; or, in other words, that in a case where no *funeral* expense is incurred for the burial of a member, the Lodge is not bound to pay any money for account of such expense. Assumimg these inferences to be fair and properly deducible from the language used by the Grand Master and the circumstances under which the decision was made, the minority of your committee are of opinion that that decision should have been approved by the Grand Lodge of Ohio when presented to that body for approval.

In the case of Patuxent Lodge, No. 45, of Maryland, reported on by the Committee on Appeals at the session in 1857 of this Grand Lodge, (see Journal G. L. U. S., pp. 2812–14,) the report of the majority of the committee having been approved, (p. 2830,) the provisions of a general law of the Grand Lodge of Maryland was construed, which reads thus: "In the event of the death of a "brother the sum of not less than thirty dollars shall be allowed to defray his "funeral expenses; and should he be a beneficial member, such further sum as "may be allowed by the by-laws of the Lodge to which he is attached shall be "paid over as provided by the said by-laws: and should he have no relations, it "shall be the duty of the Noble Grand to have him decently interred." And in that case it was decided that the mother of the deceased brother was not entitled to the thirty dollars for funeral expenses, because it was not a *certain benefit* that she was entitled to. The majority of the committee in the Patuxent Lodge case contend that the use of the words "*to defray the funeral expenses*" specifically points out that the funeral expenses be paid out of the sum allowed by the by-laws for funeral expenses, and for no other purpose. In that case the mother did not incur any expense in the burial of her son—he having been buried at the expense of the United States.

In the law of the Grand Lodge of Ohio the language is nearly the same as that used in the law of the Grand Lodge of Maryland, and it is quite clear that the Grand Lodge of Ohio designed to make a similar, if not the same, provision as that in Maryland. In the last named jurisdiction the law provides. "In the event of the death of a brother, the sum of not less than thirty dollars *shall be allowed to defray his funeral expenses*," while in the jurisdiction of Ohio the law

is, "At the decease of a member of a Lodge * * * * not less than twenty dollars *shall be appropriated* from the funds of the Lodge *to defray his funeral expenses*." The minority of your committee, conceiving that the bare inspection of the language of the two laws will clearly show to and convince every intelligent mind that the object and interest in both the laws referred to was the same and identical, and that the principle that two distinct laws or provisions, of the same purport, should receive the same construction, is so well settled and universally recognized that no argument is needed on this point—will not attempt such. In the opinion of this minority the case of the appeal of Patuxent Lodge, No 45, furnishes a precedent which must govern in the case now before us, and, in referring to that case as a binding precedent, claim that the positions taken by the majority of that committee, in their report, were correct and sound, and would so continue, even if those positions had not the approval of the Grand Lodge of the United States.

The construction of the law in the jurisdiction of Ohio, intended to be given by the Grand Master, seems so clearly to be the only proper one, that this minority are unable to see how any other could be given, and give force to the plain meaning of the language used. To give any other construction would be virtually declaring that the framers of that law did not mean what the language imports according to its ordinary meaning as commonly used, and, in the apprehension of this minority, would give a construction at variance with the principles of right and justice. The positions by the majority, if sustained, would prevent any Grand or Subordinate Lodge from so framing their laws as to allow or provide only for the payment of the expenses of interring the remains of a deceased brother. The *object* of such provisions as are contained in the law of Ohio is that suitable provision may be made for the payment of such necessary expenses as may be incurred upon the burial of a brother, and not that the family or relatives of the deceased may be provided with means of displaying their grief by outward demonstrations of mourning. When we have provided for the defraying of the necessary expenses of preparing the body for burial, its removal to the place of burial, and its proper disposal—in its last long house, at the place of interment—we have complied with the essential requirement and command of our laws, "to bury the dead."

Experience demonstrates that the amounts usually allowed by Lodges for funeral *expenses*, or even funeral *benefits*, fall short of the sum necessary to defray the necessary and legitimate expenses of the funeral, not taking into account the expense of mourning habiliments for the relatives of deceased. And it would seem that if expenditures for the purposes last named were designed or proper to be considered as "funeral expenses," provision should be made for the appropriation of a larger sum from which "to defray the funeral expenses" than is allowed by Lodges. This minority fail to see any justice or propriety in requiring Lodges to pay for *expenses* when none have been incurred.

Upon the considerations before stated the minority of your committee recommend that the appeal of P. G. M. C. H. Babcock from the action of the Grand Lodge of Ohio, in not approving his decision, be sustained, and that the decision of that Grand Lodge be *reversed*.

E. A. RUCKER,
W. H. HOPKINS.

Rep. Davies, of Southern New York, from the Committee on Appeals, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Appeals, to whom was referred the appeal of Gratitude Lodge, No. 5, of Maryland, against the action of the Grand Lodge of Maryland, submit the following report:

Charles Peregoy joined Gratitude Lodge, No. 5, in the year 1841. In 1853 he was compelled to have one of his legs amputated. From said time up to May,

1862, the Lodge continued to pay him benefits, when the following resolution was adopted: "That the weekly benefits to Brother PEREGOY be and the same are hereby discontinued, and he declared out of care." An appeal from said decision was taken by Bro. PEREGOY, and in August, 1862, the case was submitted to the Executive Committee upon the following statement of facts, in lieu of an examination of evidence: "That Brother PEREGOY is able to attend to business of some kind, if it could be found for him." The by-laws of Gratitude Lodge provide that "every member of the Lodge, in case of being rendered incapable, by sickness or accident, of following any business *whereby he may obtain a livelihood, shall be entitled, during such sickness or disability, to receive benefits.*"

The Executive Committee reversed the decision of the Lodge. Subsequently the "Board of Appeals" reversed the said decision of the Executive Committee. An appeal was then taken by Brother PEREGOY to the Grand Lodge, and the decision was by that body reversed.

No evidence is given to show that the brother was not willing to perform duty of some kind; nor is it said that no effort was made on his part to procure such.

Your committee are therefore of the opinion that the admission that the brother was able to perform duty of some kind is no proof that the brother may be able to gain a livelihood.

The Lodge failing to show that Brother PEREGOY was competent to attend to some business of which he had a sufficient knowledge to pursue successfully, we concur with the Grand Lodge of Maryland.

The committee offer the following resolution.

Resolved, That the action of the Grand Lodge of Maryland in the above case be and is hereby affirmed.

JOHN J. DAVIES,
W. H. HOPKINS,
IRA C. DOE,
F. M. FOSTER.

Rep. RUCKER, of Illinois, from the Committee on Appeals, made the following minority report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The undersigned, minority of your Committee on Appeals, to whom was referred the appeal of Gratitude Lodge, No. 5, from a decision of the Grand Lodge of that State, begs leave to submit the following report:

It appears from the papers submitted to the committee that Brother CHARLES PEREGOY joined Gratitude Lodge, No. 5, in the year 1841; that in 1853 Brother PEREGOY was compelled to have one of his legs amputated, in consequence of which he became a recipient of the pecuniary benefits provided for by the laws of the Lodge, and which benefits were paid to him by the Lodge until May, 1862, when that Lodge adopted the following resolution:

"That the weekly benefits to Bro. PEREGOY be and the same are hereby discontinued, and he be declared out of care."

From that action of Gratitude Lodge the brother appealed to the Grand Lodge of Maryland. The case was tried before the Executive Committee of that Grand Lodge, upon an admission of Bro. PEREGOY'S counsel "*that Bro. Peregoy is able to attend to business of some kind if it could be procured for him,*" which "admission" was received in lieu of evidence in the case, and the Executive Committee reversed the decision of Gratitude Lodge, No. 5. The case then went before the Board of Appeals, which Board reversed the decision of the Executive Committee, and thereby sustaining the action of Gratitude Lodge, No. 5. Brother PEREGOY then appealed to the Grand Lodge of Maryland, in which body, upon considering the report of the Board of Appeals, the following was adopted:

Resolved, That the decision of the Board of Appeals in the matter of the Appeal of Gratitude Lodge, No. 5, vs. Bro. CHARLES PEREGOY, be and the same is hereby reversed, and that Bro. CHARLES PEREGOY is hereby declared entitled to benefits from the date of the resolutions passed by Gratitude Lodge in May, 1862, discontinuing his benefit, and declaring him out of care.

Whereupon Gratitude Lodge, No. 5, appealed to this Grand Lodge.

It further appears that no testimony in the case was taken upon either of the trials before the Executive Committee or the Board of Appeals, the "admission" before named being received as evidence by those committees, but the record is silent as to whether testimony was introduced before the Grand Lodge or not. The by-laws of Gratitude Lodge, No. 5, Article 1, section 10, provide: "*Every member of the Lodge, in case of being rendered incapable, by sickness or accident, of following any business whereby he may obtain a livelihood*, shall be entitled, during such sickness or disability, to receive benefits."

In the apprehension of the undersigned, this case should be determined upon the construction of the language used in the so-called "admission," which was taken as evidence, and its effect. If the expression used, "is able to attend to business of some kind, if it could be procured for him," be considered to mean or be equivalent to an admission that the brother was capable of following some [any] business whereby he may obtain a livelihood, then the action of Gratitude Lodge, No. 5, in suspending the payment of benefits, was clearly right, and the appeal should be sustained. The undersigned is of opinion that the language used should receive that construction—that, in his view, being its reasonable meaning and purport.

Here we find the brother at one time disabled and rendered incapable of following *any* business whereby he could obtain a livelihood. At a later period of time, and after the brother had been the recipient of benefits some nine years, we find the Lodge declaring that the disability has been removed; that the brother is then capable of following *some* business by which he may (can) obtain a livelihood, and that they will no longer continue the payment of benefits to him. The brother comes forward and demands a continuation or renewal of the payments; the Lodge refuses upon the grounds stated; the brother prosecutes his claim; to save trouble and expense, the brother admits that he is able to attend to business of some kind (some business) *if it could be procured for him*. Does he mean by this that he could not attend to any business if he should procure it himself? or that his ability to attend to business is dependent upon the circumstances of his being able or not able to procure it to attend to? It seems to the undersigned that he did *not* so mean, but that the conclusion to be drawn from the "admission" is, that Brother PEREGOY was able to attend to (or follow) some business whereby he might (or could) obtain a livelihood, but that he was then unable to obtain such employment as would suit his capacity. If such were the fact, there can be no reasonable doubt but that he was *not* entitled to benefits. The brother might have been, and probably was, in the same condition that many worthy men have been before him, who have lost their situations by sickness, and, upon recovery, find themselves out of employment, and *unable* to procure such. If such were his condition, the withdrawal of benefits might have been a *hardship to him*, but the Lodge should not be held pecuniarily liable for that.

Concerning some of the points presented in this record, and the argument of counsel, it is not necessary to reproduce them here, while others deserve at least a notice. It does not occur to the undersigned that the *onus* was upon the Lodge to show that the brother had become able to follow some business, etc. It was the duty of the brother, when he first claimed benefits, to show affirmatively that he was entitled to them, and when afterwards the Lodge came to the conclusion that the brother was no longer entitled to them, if he still desired the benefits, it was again his duty to show that he was so entitled. The Lodge cannot determine, except by or through the brother, as to the condition of his health—while the brother has at all times the means, within and at his own control, of showing the condition of his health, at least so far as his being entitled to benefits, and the *onus* should always be upon him. The fact that the Lodge for a long

period of time, and continuously, paid benefits, should rather be taken in favor of the Lodge than its disadvantage, and certainly not as a reason for compelling it to continue such payments unless it prove that the brother was *not* entitled to them. Suppose that after the brother had become disabled and the recipient of benefits, he had withdrawn himself from the observation of the members of the Lodge and its vicinity; that afterwards he becomes able to and does earn his livelihood, but after a number of years again becomes disabled, from the original cause, from so earning his livelihood. If he again apply for benefits, and claim for the whole time while away, on the ground that the Lodge having commenced paying benefits cannot discontinue such payments unless *it* show that he was able to attend to business, etc., would the Lodge so be held liable? Certainly not, and in this case the Lodge should not so be held.

In consideration of all the circumstances, as shown by the papers in this case, the undersigned is of the opinion that the decision of the Grand Lodge of Maryland should not be sustained, and he respectfully submits for the adoption of this Grand Lodge the following:

Resolved, That the appeal of Gratitude Lodge, No. 5, from the action of the R. W. Grand Lodge of Maryland, in the case of Brother CHARLES PEREGOY, be sustained, and that the decision of that Grand Lodge be reversed.

E. A. RUCKER.

Rep. TERWILLIGER, of Northern New York, from the Committee on Grand Bodies not Represented, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

Your Committee on Grand Bodies not represented report that they find the following Grand Lodges not represented:—North Carolina, Vermont, British Lower Provinces, Louisiana, Georgia, Arkansas, South Carolina, Virginia, Texas, Florida, Alabama, Mississippi. The committee are rejoiced to see Representatives present at this annual communication from the jurisdiction of Tennessee, and they hope at the next annual communication of this R. W. Grand Body we shall have the pleasure of greeting Representatives from every jurisdiction under this Grand Lodge. The committee are also pleased to learn, as they do from the report of our R. W. Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary, that he has been able to communicate with some of the members of jurisdictions not represented, and that they convey the gratifying intelligence that their absence is on account of circumstances beyond the control of our Order. The committee ask leave to present the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Right Worthy Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary forward to the Representatives of Grand Bodies subordinate to this Grand Lodge who are absent from this session the same number of copies of the proceedings of this Right Worthy Grand Lodge, and other documents furnished to the Representatives of the R. W. Grand Body, and shall also furnish the Grand Secretary of such Grand Bodies not here represented the same number of copies of proceedings and other documents as are furnished to the Grand Secretaries of those Grand Bodies represented here this day, whenever he shall be satisfied that they will reach safely the persons and Bodies to whom sent.

JAMES TERWILLIGER,
WM. GARRETT,
RICHARD MARLEY,
JOHN P. FOSS,
JOSEPH L. LAMB.

Rep. BURNHAM, of Maine, from the Committee on Finance, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Finance submit the following estimate of the receipts and expenditures of the current year:

ESTIMATED RECEIPTS.

Representative Tax	$5,800 00
Dues from Grand and Subordinate Lodges and Encampments	200 00
Sale of Books	900 00
" Cards	2,100 00
" Diplomas	100 00
" Odes	100 00
	$9,200 00

ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES.

Salary of Grand Secretary	1,200 00
" Treasurer	200 00
" Messenger	700 00
Rent Grand Secretary's office	275 00
Postage, Stationery, &c	400 00
Printing Daily Journal this session	350 00
" Revised Journal—pamphlet form	800 00
" Cards	200 00
Mileage and per diem	7,500 00
Contingent fund	200 00
Janitor, for assistance to Grand Messenger	10 00
Charge and Installation Books	200 00
Diplomas	100 00
	$12,135 00

The Committee offer the following resolution:

Resolved, That the sum of twelve thousand, one hundred and thirty-five dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, be and the same is hereby appropriated for the payment of salaries, printing, per diem and mileage, and other current expenses of the Grand Lodge, agreeably to the estimate herewith submitted, and the Grand Secretary be authorized to issue his warrant for the same.

EDWARD P. BURNHAM,
ISAAC M. VEITCH,
E. D. FARNSWORTH,
F. A. ELLIS,
JOSEPH KIDDER.

The hour having arrived at which, by leave of the Grand Lodge, the Committee of the Whole on the State of the Order had leave to sit again, the Lodge resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole on that subject, Rep. VEITCH, of Missouri, in the Chair.

After some time passed in Committee of the Whole, the committee rose, and by their chairman, Rep. VEITCH, of Missouri, made the following report, which was adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee of the Whole "on the condition of the Order," &c., have had the same under consideration, and recommend that the Grand Lodge resolve itself into secret session for the purpose of rehearsing the revision of the initiatory work as reported by Rep. NICHOLSON at the session of 1862.

ISAAC M. VEITCH,
Chairman of Committee of the Whole.

The Lodge accordingly resolved itself into secret session.

After some time passed in secret session, the Lodge resumed its ordinary business.

When Rep. DAVIES, of Southern New York, from the Committee on Appeals, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Appeals, to whom was referred the appeal of Past Grand Master MOWBRAY and others (being a minority) against the action of the R. W. Grand Lodge of Maryland, at its special session of the 11th Sept. 1863, respectfully report: In this case it appears that JAMES H. MURDOCH, a member of Oriental Lodge, No. 52, was confined in the Maryland Hospital as a lunatic, and the Lodge paid for him the weekly benefits provided by their law. After a time, the Lodge declared he was not entitled to the benefits, "for the reason that the Lodge believed and was prepared to show that he was improperly confined in said institution." From this decision the wife of Brother MURDOCH took an appeal to the Grand Lodge of Maryland, and this appeal, in accordance with the law of that body, was adjudicated by their Executive Committee, and by appeal from that body to the Board of Appeals. By both of these bodies the decision of the Lodge was reversed. From these it was taken by appeal to the Grand Lodge, and at its special session this body sustained the decision of its Executive Committee and Board of Appeals, by reversing the decision of the Lodge. From this action appeal is taken by a minority to this Grand Body, on two grounds:

First—To give them an opportunity to produce a witness whose testimony, they allege, was material to the Lodge, and

Second—That in receiving testimony the committee did not confine themselves to the established law of the Grand Lodge of Maryland, viz; "Persons not members of the Order may be examined as witnesses against members of the Order by taking an affidavit before a justice of the peace, the accused being previously notified of the time and place of making the same."

Upon examination of the papers submitted and the report of the Executive Committee, it appears that the appellant, through her counsel, admitted all that the Lodge assumed to be able to prove by their absent witness, (who, it is said, was in Rio Janeiro,) and to obviate unnecessary delay proceeded to hear the case, this being evidently in conformity with law. Upon the second objection your committee find that the evidence received, and now objected to, was the certificates from eminent physicians and those connected with the asylum, giving their decided opinion as to the insanity of Bro. MURDOCH. It must be apparent to all that the law of the Grand Lodge of Maryland cannot be construed to apply to this class of certificates, but was intended in cases where charges are preferred by one member against another, so that the *accused* may be present and know what was to be brought against him, and be prepared to rebut it, if possible.

Upon these views of the case your committee believe that this appeal should not be sustained, and recommend that the appeal be dismissed without prejudice to the rights of Oriental Lodge, No. 52, in the case.

JOHN J. DAVIES,
WM. H. HOPKINS,
IRA C. DOE,
F. M. FOSTER,
E. A. RUCKER.

The hour of twelve o'clock having arrived, the chair declared the Lodge at recess for thirty minutes, pursuant to the order to that effect,

HALF-PAST TWELVE O'CLOCK.

The Grand Lodge re-assembled pursuant to the order for recess.

Rep. SANDERS, of Northern New York, moved the following resolution:

Resolved, That this Right Worthy Grand Lodge will close its annual communication on Thursday, September 24th, at two o'clock P. M.

Rep CASSEDY, of New Jersey, moved to amend as follows:

Resolved, That this Grand Lodge will hold a session this evening at half-past seven o'clock, at the conclusion of which will adjourn *sine die*.

The question being on the amendment of Rep. CASSEDY, of New Jersey—

Rep. TERWILLIGER, of Northern New York, moved to lay the subject on the table, which was resolved in the negative.

The question being on the amendment of Rep. CASSEDY—

Rep. TUCKER, of Massachusetts, moved to amend the amendment by striking out the words "at the conclusion of which it will adjourn *sine die*," which was agreed to.

The question being on the amendment as amended, it was resolved in the negative.

The question now being on the resolution of Rep. SANDERS, of Northern New York, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Rep. VEITCH, of Missouri, from the Committee on Finance, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Finance have examined the books and reports of the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer, and find the same correct and in proper form, with vouchers accompanying the several items of expenditure and disbursements since the last session.

The Grand Treasurer also submitted to the committee the proper evidence of the investment and deposite of the funds of the Grand Lodge. In all respects the Grand Officers deserve commendation for their fidelity in the discharge of their responsible trust.

The balance in the Treasury, as shown by the report of the Grand Treasurer, session of 1862, was		$8,162 65
Amount received from the estate of Thomas Wildey		6,089 80
Amount received to Sept. 21st, on account of Wildey Monument Fund,		4,886 53
Amount received from Grand Secretary, being receipts during the year for Representative Tax, Books, Cards, &c.		10,040 34
Total receipts from all sources		29,179 32
Expenditures for all purposes	9,591 77	
Invested in United States Stocks	6,000 00	
		15,591 77
Balance in Treasury		13,587 54
From this deduct receipts for the Wildey Monument Fund		4,886 52
Showing cash balance in the Treasury		$8,701 03

The assets of the Grand Lodge are as follows:

Cash on hand as above	$8,701 03
Invested in United States 5-20 Bonds	6,000 00
Note of the Grand Encampment of Wisconsin	75 00
" " " " North Carolina	176 00
" " " " Iowa	75 00
	15,027 03
Supplies at selling prices	12,078 65
Total assets	$27,105 68

ISAAC M. VEITCH,
EDWARD P. BURNHAM,
JOSEPH KIDDER,
F. A. ELLIS,
E. D. FARNSWORTH.

Rep. GRISWOLD, of Illinois, from the Legislative Committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

Your Legislative Committee, to whom was referred the resolution of the Grand Lodge of California, as follows:

Resolved, That the Representative to the Grand Lodge of the United States present the subject of attaching Nevada Territory to the jurisdiction of the Grand Encampment of California to the consideration of the Grand Lodge of the United States in such form as will ensure the adoption of a favorable action.

Also, from the Grand Lodge of Oregon, as follows:

Resolved, That our R. W. Grand Representative to the Grand Lodge of the United States, be and he is hereby instructed to use his best endeavors to procure the subordinate Encampment in this jurisdiction to be attached to the Grand Encampment of the State of California.

Beg leave to report the following resolution:

Resolved, That the jurisdiction of the Grand Encampment of California be and the same is hereby extended over the Subordinate Encampments now under the immediate jurisdiction of this Grand Body in the Territory of Nevada, and in the State of Oregon, subject to the By-Laws, as amended, (article xiii,) of this Right Worthy Grand Lodge.

GEO. W. CASSEDY,
R. A. LAMBERTON,
J. GRISWOLD,
THOS. T. SMILEY,
C. G. CADY.

On motion of Rep. SIMPSON, of Pennsylvania, the order providing for a recess at twelve o'clock daily of thirty minutes was discharged.

Rep. ELLIS, of Maryland, moved the following resolution, which was referred to the Committee on the State of the Order:

Resolved, That the proper construction of the second clause of Section 4, Article 1, of the Constitution of this Grand Body, which reads thus, "Appeals may also be heard from a member or members of a State, District or Territorial

Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment from a decision thereof," confines such right of appeal to questions affecting the general interests of the entire Order or to the general interests of the Order in the particular jurisdiction from which the appeal comes, and does not extend it to questions of grievance of individual members or Lodges.

Rep. HOVEY, of Oregon, submitted the following preamble and resolution, which, on his motion, were referred to the Legislative Committee:

WHEREAS the undersigned would respectfully call the attention of this R. W. Grand Body to the fact that a large number of the members of our Order in the States of California and Oregon, and the Territory of Washington, have emigrated to the recently organized territory of "Idahoe," who are anxious to establish Subordinate Lodges therein, but in consequence of their isolated condition, and the inconvenience of communicating directly with this R. W. Grand Lodge, they have not as yet been enabled so to do, and believing that it will be beneficial to the interests of the Order at large to attach that territory to the jurisdiction of Oregon, would respectfully offer the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Territory of "Idahoe" be and hereby is attached to the jurisdiction of Oregon, and that the R. W. Grand Lodge of said State be and hereby is authorized to exercise jurisdiction over the same.

Rep. KIDDER, of New Hampshire, from the Committee on Finance, made the following report:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Finance, to whom were referred the preamble and resolutions presented by Representative CASSEDY, of New Jersey, touching the affairs of the Order in Tennessee, have had the same under consideration, and submit the result of their deliberations.

The Order in Tennessee, in consequence of the local position of the State in the Union, has literally passed through a baptism of blood, in which they have lost almost everything but the sublime principles of the Order, which were too deeply impressed upon the hearts of the brotherhood to be imperiled by the bloody tramp of war or the convulsions of the commercial world. We have not time to recite the sufferings, dangers, and sacrifices incident to the history of this devoted jurisdiction during the past two or three years. Suffice it to say, that nowhere in all the land have the burdens and sufferings of civil war been laid upon our Order with a heavier hand than in Tennessee. And yet, to the honor of our brethren there be it said, they have borne them all with an heroic fortitude and a cheerful self-sacrificing spirit that make our hearts swell with gratituds to the great God for their unbending faithfulness to our principles during so critical a period of distress and gloom, and for "their unwearied attentions bestowed upon sick and disabled brethren temporarily in their midst."

In view of the facts and the peculiar circumstances which now surround our brethren in Tennessee, the committee recommend the passage of the following resolutions:

Resolved That the Grand Lodge of the United States hereby remits the Representative Tax of the Grand Encampment and Grand Lodge of Tennessee, for the years 1861 and 1862.

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be and is hereby authorized and directed to furnish to the Representatives from that State, present at this session, whatever supplies he may deem necessary to enable the Subordinates to resume work, and that the same be furnished them without charge and free from cost.

JOSEPH KIDDER,
EDWARD M. BURNHAM,
ISAAC M. VEITCH,
F. A. ELLIS.

On motion of Rep. BOYDSTON, of Nebraska, the rule was suspended and the report and resolutions were considered and unanimously adopted.

Rep. TUCKER, of Massachusetts, from the Committee on Correspondence, made the following report:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Correspondence beg leave to report, that, after an examination of the papers which have been submitted to them, they discover nothing which requires any additional attention from this Grand Lodge; the subject-matters have already been attended to, or referred to appropiate committees.

E. H. TUCKER, JR.
B. BUCKLEY,
J. W. CARLTON,
C. C. HAYDEN,
J. M. ARMSTRONG.

On motion of Rep. LEECH, of Iowa, the rule was suspended and the report was considered and adopted.

Rep. LOGAN, of Kansas, moved the following resolution, which was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That in view of the monetary calamity of the Grand Lodge of Kansas, whereby that Grand Body recently lost the total amount of its funds, the careful husbanding of the past five years, during the raid upon Lawrence, when the Grand Treasurer was killed and all his money carried away, the R. W. Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary is hereby authorized to settle by note the Representative tax due from said Grand Lodge for the next year, should that body officially request it.

Rep. VEITCH, of Missouri, moved the following amendment to the twenty-eighth By-Law, which was laid on the table for one day:

Amend the xxviii. By-Law by striking out the words, "each of the cities of Baltimore, Philadelphia, and New York," in the third line of said By-Law, and insert the words, *the city in which such session is to be held.*

Rep. GILMAN, of Michigan, laid on the table the following amendment to the Constitution, seconded by Reps. WILLIAMS, of Minnesota, LAMBERTON, of Pennsylvania, BROWNE, of California, LOGAN, of Kansas, SMILEY, of Tennessee, GARRETT, of Iowa:

Amend article sixteenth of Constitution as follows: Provided also that such jurisdictions as chose to do so may re-admit to membership within their respective jurisdictions, upon such terms as they may prescribe, suspended members of the Order residing in the same, who may have been suspended in other jurisdictions for non-payment of dues, and for no other cause.

Rep. FARNSWORTH, of Tennessee, from the Committee on Finance, made the following report:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

Your Finance Committee respectfully recommend that the price of the new edition of the Revised Journal of proceedings of the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States be fixed at two dollars and fifty cents per volume; and that the R. W. Grand Corresponding Secretary be instructed to have the Revised Digest printed and bound in the same style and size of the new edition of the Revised Journal, and that the price for the same be fixed at one dollar each copy.

Respectfully submitted.

E. D. FARNSWORTH,
EDWARD P. BURNHAM,
ISAAC M. VIETCH,
JOSEPH KIDDER,
F. A. ELLIS.

On motion of Rep. VEITCH, of Missouri, the rule was suspended and the report was considered and adopted.

Rep. GRISWOLD, of Illinois, from the Legislative Committee, made the following report:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

Your Legislative Committee, to whom were referred the preamble and resolution of Rep. HOVEY, of Oregon, as follows:

WHEREAS the undersigned would respectfully call the attention of this R. W. Grand Body to the fact that a large number of the members of our Order in the States of California and Oregon, and the Territory of Washington, have emigrated to the recently organized Territory of Idahoe, who are anxious to establish Subordinate Lodges therein, but in consequence of their isolated condition and the inconvenience of communicating directly with this R. W. Grand Lodge, they have not as yet been enabled so to do, and, believing that it will be beneficial to the interests of the Order at large to attach that Territory to the jurisdiction of Oregon, would respectfully offer the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Territory of Idahoe be and the same hereby is attached to the jurisdiction of Oregon, and that the R. W. Grand Lodge of Oregon be and is hereby authorized to exercise jurisdiction over the same.

Ask leave to report, that, in pursuance of the precedent established by this Grand Body in the case of Nevada Territory, (see Journal 1861, pp. 3364–3372,) they would recommend the adoption of the resolution.

GEO. W. CASSEDY,
C. G. CADY,
R. A. LAMBERTON,
THO. T. SMILEY,
J. GRISWOLD.

On motion of Rep. GRISWOLD, the rule was suspended and the report was considered and adopted.

Rep. FARNSWORTH, of Tennessee, moved the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the R. W. Grand Secretary be instructed to have bound as soon as practicable all the copies of volumes of the new edition of the Revised Journal in the same style and size of those already bound.

Rep. BROWNE, of California, presented the following paper, which was referred to the Legislative Committee:

The delegations from Oregon and California, in consideration of the intimate relations subsisting between the residents of the Colony of British Columbia and the citizens of California, respectfully ask the adoption of the accompanying resolution, asking that the Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment of California be authorized to cause Lodges and Encampments to be instituted at the city of Victoria, Island of Vancouver, or at such other places in that Colony as may be advisable.

A. G. HOVEY, Rep. of Oregon,
C. C. HAYDEN, " " California.
J. L. BROWNE, " " "
H. KIMBALL, " " "

We approve of the above and recommend its adoption.

H. C. BINGHAM, Rep. of Canada West.

Resolved, That this Grand Lodge authorize the Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment of the State of California to institute Lodges and Encampments in the Colony of British Columbia, on the receipt of the proper applications; and that the Colony be attached to the jurisdiction of California *pro tem.*

Rep. BROWNE, of California, presented the amended Constitution of the Grand Lodge of California, which was referred to the Committee on Constitutions.

Rep. SIMPSON, of Pennsylvania, from the special committee on that subject, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The special committee, to whom was referred so much of the M. W. Grand Sire's and the R. W. Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary's reports as relates to the Lodges in Western Virginia and Vermont, having fully considered the same, beg leave to report:

That we approve the action of the M. W. Grand Sire in relation to the distribution of the A. T. P. W. and the A. P. W. of the degree of Rebekah to the Lodges and Encampments in the States of Vermont and West Virginia, and recommend the adoption of the resolution hereto annexed upon that subject.

That petitions from the Lodges and Encampments located in the new State of West Virginia for the establishment of a Grand Lodge and a Grand Encampment in said State, having been received at this session and referred to the Committee on Petitions, who have reported thereon, it is unnecessary for us further to consider the subject.

That from the meagre and unsatisfactory papers before us in relation to the Vermont matter we find the following facts: That, at the last session of this Grand Lodge, the Grand Lodge of Vermont asked to be relieved from the payment of the Representative tax then due, (two years,) which was referred to the Committee on Finance. That committee reported adversely to the petition for the reason assigned, and the Grand Lodge decided to accept a note bearing interest at three years from November 1, 1862, for the amount, (see Journal 1862, pp. 3475, 3490–1); that said Grand Lodge has not given any note as required by the resolution of 1862, and that it is now stated that the inability of that Grand Lodge to pay the representative tax due is or "was occasioned by defending the laws of the Order" in that jurisdiction, but, without showing how or when such action occurred, we would recommend that the R. W. Grand Secretary be instructed to communicate with D. D. Grand Sire Mitchell, of Ver-

mont, and ascertain, if practicable, the particulars of the expenditures of the Grand Lodge of Vermont in defending the laws of the Order, so this Grand Lodge may act with justice and equity to the Grand Lodge of that State. We therefore offer the following resolution:

Resolved, That the action of the M. W. Grand Sire in communicating the P. W.'s to the brethren in Vermont and Western Virginia be and the same is hereby approved.

Resolved, That the R. W. Grand Secretary be and he is hereby instructed to communicate with D. D. Grand Sire Mitchell, of Vermont, and ascertain, if practicable, what amounts of money have been expended by the Grand Lodge of Vermont in defending the laws of the Order, and when such expenses were incurred.

Respectfully submitted, in F. L. & T.

J. ALEX. SIMPSON,
J. W. MENZIES,
A. G. HOVEY.

Rep. CASSEDY, of New Jersey, from the Legislative Committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

Your Legislative Committee, to whom was referred the communication of the Representatives from Oregon, California, and Canada West, submitting the following resolution for adoption—

Resolved, That this Grand Lodge authorize the Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment of the State of California to institute Lodges and Encampments in the Colony of British Columbia, on the receipt of proper applications, and that the Colony be attached to the jurisdiction of California *pro tem.*—

Ask leave to report in favor of the adoption of the resolution, inasmuch as our *Order* will be benefited by the proposed action.

GEORGE W. CASSEDY,
THOS. T. SMILEY,
R. A. LAMBERTON,
C. G. CADY,
J. GRISWOLD.

Rep. HOVEY, of Oregon, submitted the following, which, on his motion, was referred to the Legislative Committee:

WHEREAS the usefulness of the Encampment branch of Odd-Fellows in the several States and Territories on the Pacific coast would be greatly enhanced and enlarged by embracing the same in one district, subordinate to and under the Grand Encampment of California; and the tedious mail facilities of the State of Oregon and the Territories of Washington and Idahoe, and their remoteness from this Grand Lodge and their contiguity to the State of California, whose Grand Encampment is in a prosperous condition, renders their annexation to that jurisdiction desirable: Therefore—

Resolved, That the State of Oregon and the Territories of Washington and Idahoe be and they are hereby attached to the jurisdiction of the Grand Encampment of California, and that the said Grand Encampment be and is hereby authorized to exercise jurisdiction over the said State and Territories, and to organise Subordinate Encampments therein

On motion of Rep. SANDERS, of Northern New York, that the Grand Lodge resolve itself into Committee of the Whole on the State of the Order, it was resolved in the negative.

Rep. ARMSTRONG, of Kentucky, laid on the table the following amendment to the Constitution, seconded by Reps. ALLISON, of Indiana; CASSEDY, of New Jersey; DRISCOL, of Rhode Island; HAM, of Rhode Island:

Amend the second paragraph of fourteenth article of the Constitution, by striking out seventy-five and inserting "sixty."

Rep. CHIDSEY, of Ohio, moved the following preamble and resolution, which were adopted:

WHEREAS the Grand Lodge of the United States, at its annual session in 1862, approved of and recommended to the brotherhood throughout the entire jurisdiction the publication of a work devoted to the dissemination of the principles of our fraternity, styled the American Odd-Fellow, published in the city of New York; and whereas Bro. W. C. EARL, the present efficient Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Ohio, and lately a member of this Body, has been induced, by the solicitations of his friends and brethren of the Order in that jurisdiction, to establish a work or monthly periodical devoted to the advocacy of the pure principles of our beloved Order, and believing that the West, as well as the North or East, desire as much information in reference to the Order as others; and believing that Odd-Fellowship has no fear that light should be freely given, we therefore cheerfully extend to Bro. EARL our desire that he may prosper in his undertaking, and offer the following resolution, viz:

Resolved, That the publication of the periodical called the "Dove," at Toledo, Ohio, meets the approval of this Grand Lodge, and we do hereby recommend it to the fraternity as a faithful expounder of the principles of Odd-Fellowship.

On motion of Rep, SIMPSON, of Pennsylvania, the Committee of the Whole was discharged from the consideration of the subject committed to it.

Rep. WILLIAMS, of Minnesota, moved the following resolution:

Resolved, That Reps. ESCAVAILLE, YOUNG, MARLEY, ELLIS, and Grand Treasurer VANSANT, be appointed a committee to procure a bust of the late P. G. Sire WILDEY, from the model now in possession of Grand Rep. ESCAVAILLE, or otherwise, and have moulds made therefrom, so that Lodges or members of the Order can procure bronze or plaster copies of the bust on the payment of such sum as the committee may determine.

Rep. BURNHAM, of Maine, moved to amend by adding, "provided that no expense be incurred by this Grand Lodge," which was agreed to, and the resolution as amended was adopted.

Rep. ELLIS, of Maryland, from the Committee on Finance, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the suggestion of the Grand Treasurer in his report as to the appointment of an attorney of this Grand Body to receive the interest accruing upon certain investments in the name of this Grand Lodge, respectfully report that your committee approve of the suggestion made by the Grand Treasurer, and as in their judgment no more appropriate appointment can be made than the Grand Treasurer himself, respectfully recommend the annexed resolution:

Resolved, That JOSHUA VANSANT, of Baltimore, be and he is hereby appointed Attorney of the Grand Lodge of the United States of the Independent Order of Odd-Follows, to receive the interest accruing upon the six thousand dollars Five-Twenty Bonds of the United States, and all other investments made or to be made in the name of this Grand Body.

F. A. ELLIS,
JOSEPH KIDDER,
ISAAC M. VEITCH,
EDWARD P. BURNHAM,
E. D. FARNSWORTH.

Rep. BOYDSTON, of Nebraska, from the Committee on Constitutions, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

Your Committee on Constitutions, to whom were referred the amendments to the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of the jurisdiction of California, beg leave to report that they have had the same under consideration, and find them in accordance with the laws of this Grand Lodge. Your committee would therefore recommend their approval. Respectfully submitted.

W. S. BOYDSTON,
J. Y. ALLISON,
ERIE J. LEECH,
M. B. SCOTT,
J. W. MENZIES.

On motion of Rep. KIMBALL, of California, it was resolved that P. G. Rep. DWINELLE, of California, and P. G. Rep. STUART, of the District of Columbia, are recognised as existing members of the Committee on Revision of the Work.

On motion of Rep. HAVENNER, of the District of Columbia, it was resolved that the Most Worthy Grand Sire is declared to be the Chairman of the Committee on the Revision of the Work of the Order.

On motion of Rep. SIMPSON, of Pennsylvania, Rep. HOPKINS, of Pennsylvania, had leave of absence from this day.

Rep. CHIDSEY, of Ohio, submitted the following query, which, on his motion, was referred to the Committee on the State of the Order:

If a brother be expelled from his Lodge, either for non-payment of dues or crime, and subsequently the Lodge which expelled him becomes extinct, can said brother regain membership, and if so, by what process?

Rep. CADY, of Kentucky, from the Legislative Committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Legislative Committee, to whom were referred the following preamble and resolution of Rep. HOVEY, of Oregon, viz:

"WHEREAS the usefulness of the Encampment branch of Odd-Fellows in the several States and Territories on the Pacific coast would be greatly enhanced and enlarged by embracing the same in one district, subordinate to and under the Grand Encampment of California; and the tedious mail facilities of the State of Oregon and the Territories of Washington and Idahoe, and their remoteness from

this Grand Lodge and their contiguity to the State of California, whose Grand Encampment is in a prosperous condition, renders their annexation to that jurisdiction desirable: Therefore—

Resolved, That the State of Oregon and the Territories of Washington and Idahoe be and they are hereby attached to the jurisdiction of the Grand Encampment of California, and that the said Grand Encampment be and is hereby authorized to exercise jurisdiction over the said State and Territories, and to organize Subordinate Encampments therein.

We recommend the adoption of the resolution.

C. G. CADY,
J. GRISWOLD,
THOS. T. SMILEY,
R. A. LAMBERTON,
GEO. W. CASSEDY.

Rep. WRIGHT, of Wisconsin, from the Committee on Petitions, made the following report:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Petitions have had under consideration the petition of the Representatives of the eleven Subordinate Lodges from the jurisdiction of Virginia, asking for a charter for a Grand Lodge to be located at Wheeling, Va.; also the petition of the Representatives of five Subordinate Encampments working under charters granted by the Grand Encampment of Virginia, asking for a charter to institute a Grand Encampment to be located also at Wheeling, Va., and would respectfully report, that, while your committee most sincerely sympathize with our brethren of that jurisdiction in their struggle to maintain their existence during this time of trial with our national difficulties, and while we believe it to be the duty of this Grand Lodge to endeavor by every constitutional means to promote the interest of the Order in that afflicted jurisdiction, yet we cannot conceive that the interest of Odd-Fellowship will be promoted by granting the prayer of the petitioners. Your committee are of opinion that, during the present painful and protracted struggle, no action should be had that will in any manner prejudice our brethren of the Grand Lodge of Virginia against the action of this Grand Lodge. The Lodges and Encampments represented in the above petitions received their powers and prerogatives from the respective Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment of Virginia, and should this Grand Lodge now trample upon the rights and powers of said Grand Bodies by granting said petitions, they might justly charge us with having robbed them in this their day of *sore* trial of the rights guarantied to them by this Grand Lodge.

There is another question that arises in this connection, in relation to granting a charter for a Grand Lodge in the State of West Virginia. The question of the constitutionality of the admission by Congress into the Union of the State of West Virginia we understand has already been submitted, or is about to be to the Supreme Court of the United States, and should their decision be adverse to the action of Congress we might find ourselves with two Grand Lodges in the same State, the jurisdiction of one including that of the other. For these considerations your committee would recommend that the petition be not granted at this time. Your committee would recommend, however, that the M. W. Grand Sire be authorized to exercise such control over the Lodges in the jurisdiction of Virginia as the circumstances of the case may require, and by the appointment of a D. D. G. Sire who will perform the duties, make provision for their receiving such instruction as may be necessary, and through whom they may receive the pass-word and such supplies as they may need from the Grand Lodge of the United States. Respectfully submitted.

DAVID H. WRIGHT,
W. H. THOMPSON,
GEO. SMITH,
H. KIMBALL,
C. W. HUNT.

On motion of Rep. LEECH, of Iowa, the rule was suspended, and the report being under consideration—

Rep. TERWILLIGER, of Northern New York, moved to postpone the further consideration of the subject until to-morrow morning, which was resolved in the affirmative.

On motion of Rep. WILSON, of Wisconsin, the Lodge adjourned until to-morrow morning at nine o'clock.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 1863—9 o'clock A. M.

The R. W. Grand Lodge assembled pursuant to adjournment. Present:

JAMES B. NICHOLSON.....M. W. Grand Sire.
WM. CHIDSEY.....R. W. Deputy Grand Sire, *p. t.*
JAMES L. RIDGELY.....R. W. G. Cor. and Rec. Secretary.
JOSHUA VANSANT.....R. W. Grand Treasurer.
REV. I. D. WILLIAMSON.....R. W. Grand Chaplain.
B. W. DENNIS.....R. W. Grand Marshal.
AUGUSTUS PFAFF.....R. W. Grand Guardian.
JOHN E. CHAMBERLAIN.....R. W. Grand Messenger.

And a representation from a quorum of Grand Bodies.

Prayer by Rev. Bro. I. D. WILLIAMSON, R. W. Grand Chaplain.

The R. W. D. Grand Sire declared the Grand Lodge open for business by order of the Grand Sire.

On motion of Rep. GARRETT, of Iowa, the reading of the Journal of yesterday was dispensed with.

On motion of Rep. DAVIES, of Southern New York, the rule requiring reports to lay over for one day, was suspended for the remainder of the session.

Rep. STOKES, of Pennsylvania, from the Committee on the State of the Order, made the following report, which was, on motion of Rep. CHIDSEY, of Ohio, unanimously adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on the State of the Order, to whom the following resolution was referred, respectfully report, viz:

Resolved, That there is nothing in the Constitution or By-Laws of this Grand Lodge which makes it obligatory on Subordinate Lodges to grant stipulated weekly benefits to sick members.

Your committee had supposed that there was nothing better settled and more generally understood than that the great and distinguished characteristic of Odd-

Fellowship was that it was beneficial. Its charitable character was of course incident to its ability and disposition to do good to man, and aid particularly the distresses of the fraternity at large, worthy to receive it in obedience to its teachings.

The Order of Odd-Fellows has therefore placed itself far in advance of a mere charitable Order, and has formed a union for mutual support and assistance in time of sickness and misfortune, by contributing certain stipulated dues, which secures to its members as a right (and not as a charity) a certain and fixed sum, designated by law, to be paid to them during sickness or inability to procure a livelihood during such sickness.

It is true this Grand Lodge has never arrogated to itself to say how much the members shall contribute or how much shall be paid by the Subordinate Lodges to its members during the sickness of its members. This must necessarily be left to the local authorities in consequence of the great variety in the cost and expense of living and the wants of its members in the different localities under her jurisdiction.

This Grand Lodge has repeatedly passed upon the question of honorary membership, and uniformly and persistently refused to recognise such a constituency.

Your committee have been permitted, through the kindness of P. G. M. Marley, of Maryland, to examine the first printed rules and regulations of Franklin Lodge, No. 2, of the State of Maryland, printed in 1820, soon after the introduction of the Order in this country, which fully and unmistakably sets forth the beneficial features of the Order as intended by its founders.

This Grand Lodge but represents a constituency united together for these great objects, and its great mission is to aid by her supervision and authority in preserving a uniformity in the work of the Order, so that its usefulness may be coextensive with its existence. The motto on her great seal clearly and fully expresses to the fraternity what is required of them and the duty she fondly hopes to see fulfilled.

The committee submits the following resolution for the consideration of this Grand Lodge:

Resolved, That this Grand Lodge has uniformly adhered to and recognised the right and duty of the Subordinate Lodges and Encampments to tax their members, in order that they may be enabled to grant stipulated weekly benefits to sick members.

Respectfully submitted.

J. W. STOKES,
JOS. B. ESCAVAILLE,
J. T. SANDERS,
W. CHIDSEY,
T. B. McCARTY.

Rep. FARNSWORTH, of Tennessee, from the Committee of Finance, made the following report, which, with the accompanying resolution, was adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

Your Committee on Finance, in view of the fact that the Grand Lodge has appointed a committee to prepare a revision of the work of the Order, and, in order to a proper and faithful discharge of said duty, it may be necessary that said committee should confer personally during the recess, therefore be it

Resolved, That the sum of five hundred dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, be appropriated for the purpose of defraying the necessary expenses of said committee in the discharge of their duties.

Respectfully submitted.

E. D. FARNSWORTH,
EDWARD P. BURNHAM,
JOSEPH KIDDER,
F. A. ELLIS.

Rep. ESCAVAILLE, of Maryland, from the special committee on the subject, made the following report, which was considered and adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The special committee to whom was assigned the duty, as provided in the resolution, page 3501, Journal of this Grand Lodge, to wit:

"That a committee of five be appointed for the purpose of receiving drawings or designs for a suitable monument to P. G. Sire WILDEY, and estimates of its cost, to be reported to the next session of the Grand Lodge of the United States"—

Respectfully report that the committee have been unable to procure designs or estimates of the cost of a monument, from the fact that no approximation could be made by the committee of the amount the Grand Lodge would be in posssession of for that purpose, and hence the committee could not supply to artists the necessary information in regard to what would likely be the amount of means to be applied, or the space of ground to be occupied by the proposed monument. The committee would further report that they have ascertained from the report of the Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary that the amount so far returned by the respective State jurisdictions and paid into the hands of the Grand Treasurer amounts to the sum of five thousand six hundred and seventy-two dollars and twenty-eight cents, (5,672 28.) This amount, and such additions as may be made to it, the committee would recommend be invested by the Grand Treasurer as the "Wildey Monument Fund" of the Grand Lodge of the United States, I. O. O. F.

Fraternally submitted.

JOS. B. ESCAVAILLE,
J. W. STOKES,
GEO. SMITH,
B. BUCKLEY.

Rep. HAYDEN, of California, moved the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the Committee on the "Wildey Monument" be continued, and that the M. W. Grand Sire, R. W. D. Grand Sire, Grand Cor. and Rec. Secretary and Grand Treasurer, be added to said committee, and the committee be empowered to decide upon an appropriate design for the Wildey Monument, and to select a suitable place for the erection of the same, as soon as the collections shall have been completed for that object, when the committee shall proceed to have said Monument erected.

The Chair named Rep. CARLTON, of Ohio, to supply the vacancy on the Wildey Monument Committee, occasioned by the absence of Rep. BROWN, of District of Columbia.

The committee now consists of the following: M. W. Grand Sire, R. W. Deputy Grand Sire, R. W. Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary, R. W. Grand Traasurer, Reps. ESCAVAILLE, of Maryland; STOKES, of Pennsylvania; BUCKLEY, of New Jersey; SMITH, of Southern New York; CARLTON, of Ohio.

On motion of Rep. BURNHAM, of Maine, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That Brother ISAAC D. WILLIAMSON, Grand Chaplain, be added to the Committee on Revision of the Work of the Order.

On motion the Lodge proceeded to the consideration of reports of committees in the order in which they appear upon the Journal.

The first report, being from the Committee on the State of the Order, (page 3558 Journal,) on the decisions of the M, W. Grand Sire, was considered.

On motion of Rep. YOUNG, of Maryland, the resolutions accompanying the report were considered seriatim, and

The question being on the adoption of the first resolution, it was resolved in the affirmative.

The question being on the second resolution—

Rep. SIMPSON, of Pennsylvania, moved to amend by striking out the words "*ballot or*" in the third line, which was resolved in the negative.

The question was then taken on the second rosolution of the committee, and it was adopted.

The question being on the third resolution, it was adopted.

The question then recurring on the report and resolutions as a whole, it was resolved in the affirmative.

By unanimous consent, Rep. SANDERS, of Northern New York, from the Committee on the State of the Order, made the following report:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committe on the State of the Order, to whom was referred the resolution of Rep. BINGHAM, of Canada West—

Resolved, That the Legislative Committee be instructed to consider and report to this Grand Lodge upon the propriety of such amendment of law, or change of usage, as will allow the initiation into our Order of members holding connection with the Manchester Unity of Odd Fellows—

Most respectfully report that the uniform decisions of this R. W. Grand Lodge, for a number of years past, have been against receiving members of the Manchester Unity who retain connection with that organization into our Order; and your committee cannot perceive any good reason, at the present time, why that course should be departed from.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. P. SANDERS,
W. CHIDSEY,
J. W. STOKES,
T. B. McCARTY,
JOS. B. ESCAVAILLE.

Rep. BINGHAM, of Canada West, moved that the report be recommitted to the committee, with instructions to report the following, which was agreed to, and the report was accordingly recommitted:

WHEREAS the past and present usage of our Order in rejecting applications for initiation from persons retaining membership in the M. U. Order of Odd-Fellows is wholly opposed to that liberal and wholesome principle in Odd-Fellow-

ship which studiously ignores all distinctions and affinities of society, nation, creed, and politics, and tends in a great degree to retard the growth of our Order, especially in the British Provinces on this Continent, it is hereby

Resolved, By this Grand Lodge, to grant to the Subordinate Lodges of this Order the right to initiate persons irrespective of their connection with the M. U. Order of Odd-Fellows.

The Lodge resumed the consideration of the reports of committees.

The next report, being from the Committee on Appeals, (page 3563 Journal,) on the appeal of P. G. M. J. A. THOMPSON and others, of Maryland, was considered and adopted.

The next report, being from the same committee, (page 3563, Journal,) on the appeal of New York Lodge, No. 10, was considered and adopted.

The next report, being from the same committee, (page 3564, Journal,) on the appeal of Siloam Lodge, No. 2, of Massachusetts, was considered.

Rep. CASSEDY, of New Jersey, moved the following resolution, which was adopted, and the report, as amended, was adopted:

Resolved, That the recommendation of the committee be not adopted, and that the appeal of Siloam Lodge, No. 2, of Massachusetts, be sustained, and the decision of the Grand Lodge of that State in said case be reversed.

The next report, being from the same committee, (page 3566, Journal,) on the appeal of Grand Master BABCOCK, of Ohio, was considered.

On motion of Rep. CHIDSEY, of Ohio, the minority report on the same case, (page 3566, Journal,) was considered in connexion with the majority report, when

On his further motion to adopt the report of the minority of the committee—

Rep. DAVIES, of Southern New York, moved to amend the motion by striking out the words "*minority report*," and inserting the words "*majority report*," which was resolved in the affirmative. The question recurring on the adoption of the motion of Rep. CHIDSEY, as amended, it was resolved in the affirmative, and the report of the majority of the committee was accordingly adopted.

The next report, being from the same committee, (page 3568 and 3569, Journal,) on the appeal of Gratitude Lodge, No. 5, of Maryland, was considered.

Rep. YOUNG, of Maryland, moved to consider the minority report on the same subject, which was agreed to.

And on his further motion to adopt the minority report, Rep. ELLIS, of Maryland, moved to amend, by striking out the words "minority

report," and inserting the words "majority report," which was agreed to, and the report of the majority of the committee was accordingly adopted.

The next report, being from the Committee on Grand Bodies not Represented, (page 3571, Journal,) was considered and adopted.

The next report, (page 3572, Journal,) being the report of the Committee on Finance on the general finances and general appropriations, was considered and adopted.

The next report, being from the Committee on Appeals, (page 3573, Journal,) on the appeal of P. G. M. MOWBRAY and others, of Maryland, was considered and adopted.

The next report, being from the Committee on Finance, (page 3574 Journal,) on the Books and Accounts of the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer, was considered and adopted.

The next report, being from the Legislative Committee, (page 3575, Journal,) on extending the jurisdiction of the Grand Encampment of California over the Encampments of Oregon and Territory of Nevada, was considered and adopted.

The next report, being from the Legislative Committee, (page 3578, Journal,) on the preamble and resolutions of Rep. HOVEY, of Oregon, relative to attaching the Territory of Idahoe to the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Oregon, was considered and adopted.

The next report, being from the special committee, (page 3579, Journal,) on the subject of the condition of the Order in Vermont and in Western Virginia, was considered, and, with the accompanying resolutions, was adopted.

The next report, being from the Legislative Committee, (page 3580, Journal,) on the papers presented by the Representatives of California, Oregon, and Canada West, in relation to establishing Lodges and Encampments in British possessions, was considered and adopted.

The next report, being from the Committee on Finance, (page 3581, Journal, on the subject of appointing an attorney to receive the interest due the Grand Lodge on investments made by it, was considered and adopted.

The next report, being from the Committee on Constitutions, on the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of California, (page 3582, was considered and adopted.

The next report, being from the Legislative Committee, on the preamble and resolutions of Rep. HOVEY, of Oregon, (page 3582, Journal,) upon the subject of annexing the Patriarchal Order in Oregon, Washington, and Idahoe Territories to the jurisdiction of Grand Encampment of California, was considered and adopted.

The next report, (page 3583, Journal,) being from the Committee on Petitions, on the petition for a charter for a Grand Lodge to be located at Wheeling, Va., and also upon the application for a Grand Encampment to be located at the same place, was considered.

Rep. CARLTON, of Ohio, moved to strike out the words "D. G. Grand Sire," near the close of the report, and insert the words "Special Grand Commissioner," which was agreed to, and the report, as amended, was adopted.

On motion of Rep. VEITCH, of Missouri, the Lodge agreed to consider the amendment offered by him to the 28th By-Law, as follows:

"Amend the 28th By-Law by striking out the words "Baltimore, Philadelphia, and New York," and inserting "the city in which such session is to be held."

Which was adopted. The yeas and nays appeared as follows:

YEAS.—Reps. Allison, (2 votes,) Armstrong, Bidwell, Bingham, Boydston, Browne, Buckley, Burnham, Cady, Carlton, Cassedy, Chidsey, Clark, Davies, Doe, Driscol, Escavaille, Foss, Foster, Garrett, Gilman, Gunn, Griswold, Ham, Hayden, Havenner, Hollis, Hovey, Hunt, Hyland, Judd, Kay, Kidder, Kimball, of California, Kimball, of New Hampshire, Kirkup, Lamb, Lamberton, Leech, (2 votes,) Leonard, Littlefield, Logan, Marley, Menzies, (2 votes,) McCarty, (2 votes,) McLean, Parker, Piper, Rucker, Scott, Schiefer, Simms, Simpson, Slater, Smiley, Smith, Stokes, (2 votes,) Terwilliger, Thompson, Tucker, Veitch, Wemmell, Williams, Wilson, Young—70.

NAYS.—None.

Rep. CLARKE, of Maine, from the Committee on Returns, made the following report, which was considered and adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Returns, to whom were referred the returns of the various Grand and Subordinate Bodies under the jurisdiction of this R. W. Grand Lodge, having examined the returns submitted to them, report that they find them to be correct, except in cases hereinafter reported.

Grand Lodge of Connecticut.—No causes for expulsions or suspensions assigned, and the residences of Grand Officers not given. Grand Lodge of Tennessee.—Number of subordinates and members not given; this is undoubtedly owing to the war. Grand Encampment of Tennessee.—No location of Grand Camp or residence of officers given. Grand Encampment of Tennessee.—Same as the Grand Lodge of that State. No reports have been received from the Grand Lodges of Vermont, Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi, Florida, Louisiana, Texas, Arkansas, Lower Provinces, B. N. A., and Nebraska, and the Grand Encampments of Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Alabama, Texas, Louisiana, and Mississippi.

These returns should constitute accurate statistics, so that at any time the whole workings of our Order might be ascertained; but upon an examination we find the most startling discrepancies, and we have, for the purpose of exhibiting these inaccuracies, prefixed a table showing the returns of members as per report of 1862, the addition during the year, the withdrawals, deaths, etc. for the same time, and the return of members for the present year, with a column of these discrepancies which is herewith submitted. It may be that there are good causes for these omissions, but they do not appear, and we would recommend that the Grand Secretaries and Scribes be required to make a more careful comparison in the future of their returns, and, in making them to this Grand Lodge, either

have them compared with each other, or to assign such a reason for any omission or discrepancy as will show how it occurs.

It also appears by the returns of the Grand Lodge of Northern New York that there are 497 Lodges reported, with a membership of 5,031, which gives an average membership of but 10 125-1000 members to each Lodge. A copy of their printed journal which has come into possession of your committee exhibits the fact that there are but 126 working Lodges in that jusisdiction, instead of the number above reported. By the returns of the Grand Encampment of the same jurisdiction, it appears that they have returned 76 Encampments, with a membership of 564, an average of 7 42-100—the printed journal of that body shows but 24 working Encampments. We, therefore, recommend that the R. W. Grand Secretary, in distributing the Journals of this body, be restricted to forwarding to that jurisdiction the number of copies warranted by the actual number of working Lodges and Encampments as shown by their journals, with the additional copies directed by the laws of this R. W. Grand Lodge.

Respectfully submitted.

ELISHA CLARKE,
JNO. T. SANDERS,
J. ALEXANDER SIMPSON,
J. F. SCHIEFER,
JOHN F. DRISCOL.

LODGES.	Members as per report of 1862.	Admissions, &c.	Withdrawals, &c.	Members as per report of 1863.	Unaccounted for.
Maryland	11,199	420	1214	11,058	*653
Massachusetts	4308	278	231	4312	43
Southern New York	6980	618	734	6680	194
Pennsylvania	38,564	3089	3717	37,696	*290
District of Columbia	1270	233	79	1404	20
Delaware	1742	99	25	1682	134
Ohio	20,626	1331	715	19,480	1762
New Jersey	4523	264	412	4590	*115
Kentucky	3890	313	415	3463	325
Indiana	8328	1149	778	7939	760
Missouri	3111	222	476	2430	427
Illinois	6248	1510	352	6836	570
Connecticut	1441	54	83	1303	109
Tennessee	1939	.....	.....	1370	.....
Maine	1171	119	71	1237	*18
New Hampshire	1676	200	92	1696	88
Michigan	1820	400	195	2125	*100
Wisconsin	1948	318	187	1626	453
Iowa	2776	483	394	2865	.....
Rhode Island	605	18	57	566	.....
Northern New York	5340	532	610	5031	231
Minnesota	275	58	61	276	4
California	5597	1593	1020	6100	*70
Canada West	500	96	50	573	*47
Kansas	652	88	87	346	307
Sandwich Islands,†	56	2	6	37	15

*Excess. †Subordinate.

ENCAMPMENTS.	Members as per report of 1862.	Admissions, &c.	Withdrawals, &c.	Members as per report of 1863.	Unaccounted for.
Maryland	1324	29	107	1197	49
Pennsylvania	4648	265	29	4582	39
Southern New York	414	45	57	385	17
Ohio	3989	209	357	3624	307
Kentucky	574	67	84	598	*41
Connecticut	358	14	23	212	137
New Jersey	341	56	39	378	*20
Massachusetts	741	79	34	774	12
Maine	188	7	7	182	6
New Hampshire	279	53	10	329	7
Missouri	522	58	78	472	30
District of Columbia	305	42	18	330	*1
Indiana	1675	133	95	1611	102
Michigan	79	37	5	145	*24
Tennessee	309	17	22	.....	...
Wisconsin	154	15	2	164	3
Rhode Island	167	7	17	157	...
Northern New York	580	71	43	564	44
Illinois	962	211	150	1006	17
Iowa	299	41	35	305	...
California,†	755	137	122	654	...

* Excess. † One Subordinate not reporting.

Rep. SANDERS, of Northern New York, from the Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was recommitted their former report on the subject referred to, with instructions, made the following report:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was referred the resolution of Rep. BINGHAM, of Canada West, as recorded on page 3588 of the proceedings of this session, respectfully report that, in accordance with the instruction of this R. W. Grand Body, they herewith submit for your consideration the accompanying resolution:

Resolved, That Subordinate Lodges, under the jurisdiction of the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, be and are hereby empowered to receive into their membership persons who retain membership in the Manchester Unity of Odd-Fellows.

All of which is submitted in F. L. & T.

J. P. SANDERS,
W. CHIDSEY,
JOS. B. ESCAVAILLE,
J. W. STOKES,
T. B. McCARTY.

Rep. CASSEDY, of New Jersey, moved to amend the resolution accompanying the report, as follows, which was not agreed to:

Resolved, That the privilege is hereby extended to the Grand Lodge of Canada West to permit the initiation of persons who are connected with the Manchester Unity.

The question recurring on the report and resolution of the committee—

Rep. SIMPSON, of Pennsylvania, moved to amend the resolution, by inserting the words "Grand or," after the word "that," so that it will read "Grand or Subordinate Lodges," which was agreed to.

Rep. SIMPSON, of Pennsylvania, moved further to amend by inserting the words "by initiation," before the words "persons who retain membership in the Manchester Unity," which was agreed to.

And the question recurring on the report and resolution, as amended, it was adopted.

Rep. ESCAVAILLE, of Maryland, from the Committee on the State of the Order, made the following report, which was considered and adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was referred the resolution of Rep. ELLIS, of Maryland, to wit:

Resolved, That the proper construction of the second clause of Section 4, Article 1, of the Constitution of this Grand Body, which reads thus, "Appeals may also be heard from a member or members of a State, District or Territorial Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment from a decision thereof," confines such right of appeal to questions affecting the general interests of the entire Order or to the general interests of the Order in the particular jurisdiction from which the appeal comes, and does not extend it to questions of grievance of individual members or Lodges—

Respectfully report that they have considered the same, and would recommend its adoption.

JOS. B. ESCAVAILLE,
J. P. SANDERS,
W. CHIDSEY,
T. B. McCARTY,
J. W. STOKES.

Rep. ELLIS, of Maryland, from the special committee on that subject, made the following report, which was considered and adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The special committee, to whom was referred the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Oregon, in the matter of P. G. Rep. BARNUM of that jurisdiction, ask leave to report that they have attended to the duty imposed upon them, and find the case to be somewhat singular in its character, and the facts to be as follows:

P. G. BARNUM appeared at the session of this Grand Lodge in 1861, claiming to be a Representative from the Grand Lodge of Oregon, and upon the report of the committee on credentials, found on pages 3306, 3307, and 3308, revised journal, in which his case was specially referred to, he was admitted to a seat as Re-

presentative from that jurisdiction, and received at the close of the session for mileage and per diem the sum of $444; that at the session of 1862 of this Grand Body a resolution was submitted by Rep. SPRAGUE, of Michigan, found on page 3482 of the journal, challenging the right of P. G. BARNUM to the seat occupied by him in this Grand Body, which was referred to a special committee, with full power to investigate the whole matter and report to this Grand Lodge; that upon considering the report of said committee, found on page 3496 of the journal, P. G. BARNUM, who had attended the Grand Lodge to meet the proposed investigation of his case, was permitted to make, and did make, his own statement before the Grand Lodge, and that upon hearing that statement the Grand Lodge passed the following resolution, found on page 3503 of the Journal:

Resolved, That all action on the above report be postponed, as the right of Bro. BARNUM to a seat in this Grand Body, at the last session, as a Representative from Oregon, has never been officially repudiated by this Grand Body.

Under this state of the case the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Oregon, submitted to this Grand Body at its present session comes before us.

Your committee would further respectfully state that Grand Rep. HOVEY, the duly accredited representative from Oregon at the present session appeared before them and made a statement of the case, which does not materially vary from the facts already known to this Grand Lodge, and also tendered to the committee for the Grand Lodge from P. G. Rep. BARNUM the sum of $497.28 to refund to this Grand Body the $444 received by him in 1861, and two years interest thereon. This tender of return has been made by Bro. BARNUM without remark on his part, leaving the Grand Lodge to make such disposition of the money as they may deem proper upon a review of the whole case.

Your committee would respectfully suggest that the Grand Lodge of Oregon, in the proceedings before us, not only does not distinctly repudiate the authority of P. G. BARNUM as its representative in this Grand Body at the session of 1861, but, on the contrary, indirectly at least, recognises him as such, inasmuch as it assumes to censure him for neglecting to report to it as expected of a Grand Representative.

Your committee are led to the conclusion that, although P. G. BARNUM was not in possession of the regularly authenticated credentials, he has in this whole matter acted in perfect good faith, not only with his own Grand Lodge, but also with this Grand Body, and in tendering a return of the money received by him with interest, before any opinion has been expressed by this Grand Body on the merits of the case, he has done every thing that could be expected of an Odd-Fellow and an honorable man.

Your committee would further remark that they are unable to find any thing in the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Oregon before them that amounts to what this Grand Lodge, by its resolution at the last session, invited and required it to supply; but that these proceedings rather supply a recognition of his authority. In consideration of all which, your committee do not believe that the Grand Lodge can, with propriety, undo and repudiate its own action in admitting P. G. BARNUM to a seat in this Grand Body at its session of 1861. But as P. G. BARNUM has not been subjected to the expense of returning to his jurisdiction—business having detained him at the seat of the General Government—it is proper and right that one-half of the sum allowed him for mileage should be refunded to and received by this Grand Lodge.

Your committee would therefore respectfully submit for the adoption of the Grand Lodge the annexed resolution:

Resolved, That of the sum of $497.28 tendered by P. G. BARNUM, the sum of $241.92, being the amount of mileage allowed him for returning to his jurisdiction, with two years interest thereon, be paid to the Grand Secretary, and that balance, $255.98, be returned to Bro. BARNUM.

F. A. ELLIS,
JOSEPH KIDDER,
J. W. CARLTON.

Rep. ESCAVAILLE, of Maryland, moved the following preamble and resolution, which were adopted:

WHEREAS the D. D. Grand Sire of the jurisdiction of the Sandwich Islands recommends that that jurisdiction be attached to California, for reasons specified, (See Grand Secretary's report, page 3526,) and

WHEREAS the Representatives of the Grand Bodies of California to this Grand Lodge have no information or instruction as to the desire of the jurisdiction of the Sandwhich Islands to be attached to California, therefore

Resolved, That the Order in the jurisdiction of Sandwich Islands be and is hereby placed under the jurisdiction of California, with the consent of the Subordinates therein.

Rep. HYLAND, of Delaware, from the Committee on Printing, made the following report, which was considered and adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The attention of the Committee on Printing has been called to the fact that the general appearance of the Journal of Proceedings of this R. W. Grand Lodge is inferior to that of many of the Subordinate Grand Lodges, and it has been suggested that, as the proceedings of the present session will be the commencement of a new volume, it be so changed and modified in the style of execution as to render it equal in point of taste with any similar Journal in the country. The committee would, therefore, recommend that the Revised Journal be printed in the following style:—The page to be the same size as at present; the proceedings to be in long primer type, leaded (the leads used to be five to pica;) the reports of the officers, committees, the yeas and nays, resolutions, &c. &c. to be in brevier, solid. All names in the body of the Journal, except the yeas and nays, to be in SMALL CAPS. Your committee would recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the contractor for Printing the Revised Journal of the present session, Brother JAMES YOUNG, be directed to execute the work in the mode recommended by the committee.

H. O. WILSON,
W. B. HYLAND,
WM. R. McLEAN,
THOS. C. HOLLIS
J. F. WILLIAMS.

Rep. LOGAN, of Kansas, from the Committee on Mileage and Per Diem, made the following report, which was considered, and, with the accompanying resolution, adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Mileage and Per Diem ask leave to present the annexed tabular statement of the distance traveled by the Representatives to attend the present session of this Grand Lodge, with the amount of mileage and daily pay to which each Representative is entitled under the resolution adopted by this Grand Lodge at its present session, and ask the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the amount of mileage and per diem as set forth in the accompanying tabular statement is hereby ordered to be paid.

C. A. LOGAN,
J. L. BROWNE,
WM. L. WEMMELL,
WM. F. SLATER.

TABLE OF MILEAGE AND PER DIEM.

NAMES.	PROFESSION.	TOWN.	STATE.	Distance from Baltimore.	Days in Attendance.	Mileage.	Per Diem.	Total.
GRAND OFFICERS.								
M. W. G. Sire J. B. Nicholson	Bookbinder	Philadelphia	Pennsylvania	98	4	$9 80	$12 00	$21 80
R. W. G. C. & R. S. J. L. Ridgely.	Farmer	Baltimore Co...	Maryland					
R. W. G. Treasurer Joshua Vansant	Hat Manufacturer	Baltimore	Maryland					
R. W. G. Chap. I. D. Williamson..	Clergyman	Cincinnati	Ohio	673	4	67 30	12 00	79 30
R. W. G. Marshal B. W. Dennis	Miller	Byron	Michigan	730	4	73 00	12 00	85 00
R. W. G. Guardian A. Pfaff	Tobacconist	Philadelphia	Pennsylvania	98	4	9 80	12 00	21 80
R. W. G. Mess. J. E. Chamberlain..	Shoe Manufacturer	Baltimore	Maryland					
REPRESENTATIVES.								
Armstrong, J. M	Merchant	Louisville	Kentucky	809	4	80 90	12 00	92 90
Allison, J. Y	Lawyer	Madison	Indiana	809	4	80 90	12 00	92 90
Buckley, Benj	Manufacturer	Patterson	New Jersey	200	4	20 00	12 00	32 00
Boydston, W. L	Lawyer	Nebraska City..	Nebraska	1403	4	143 70	12 00	155 70
Bidwell, Jas. E	Bank Clerk	Middletown	Connecticut..	297	4	29 70	12 00	41 70
Browne, J. L	Book-keeper	Auburn	California	6057	4	605 70	12 00	617 70
Burnham, E. P	Treas. Saving Inst.	Saco	Maine	521	4	52 10	12 00	64 10
Bingham, H. C	Nurseryman	Brantford	Canada West	724	4	72 40	12 00	84 40
Chidsey, Wm	Justice of the Peace	Cincinnati	Ohio	673	4	67 30	12 00	79 30
Clark, Elisha	Inspector of Customs..	Bath	Maine	571	4	57 10	12 00	69 10
Carlton, J. W	Contractor	Cincinnati	Ohio	673	4	67 30	12 00	79 30
Cady, C. G	Tobacconist	Maysville	Kentucky	731	4	73 10	12 00	85 10
Cassedy, Geo. W	Lawyer	Jersey City	New Jersey	185	4	18 50	12 00	30 50
Doe, Ira C	Teacher	Saco	Maine	521	4	52 10	12 00	64 10
Dixon, William N	Merchant	Jeffersonville	Indiana	809	4	80 90	12 00	92 90

Driscol, John F	Grand Secretary	Warren	Rhode Island	388	4	38 80	12 00	50 80
Davies, John J	Grand Secretary	New York	New York	185	4	18 50	12 00	30 50
Escavaille, Jos. B	Grand Secretary	Baltimore	Maryland		4		12 00	12 00
Ellis, F. A	Lawyer	Elkton	Maryland	51	4	5 10	12 00	17 10
Farnsworth, E. D	Insurance Agent	Nashville	Tennessee	694	4	69 40	9 00	111 40
Foster, F. M	Dentist	Jackson	Michigan	694	4	69 40	12 00	81 40
Foss, John T	Lumber Merchant	Chicago	Illinois	802	4	80 20	12 00	92 20
Griswold, J	Insurance Agent	Mound City	Illinois	1046	4	104 60	12 00	116 60
Gunn, H. W	County Commissioner	Fall River	Mass	403	4	40 30	12 00	52 30
Garrett, Wm	Clerk District Court	Burlington	Iowa	1012	4	101 20	12 00	113 20
Gilman, J. B	Clergyman	Manchester	Michigan	694	4	69 40	12 00	81 40
Hyland, W. B	Printer	Wilmington	Delaware	70	4	7 00	12 00	19 00
Hollis, Thos. C	Bookbinder	New Haven	Connecticut	261	4	26 10	12 00	38 10
Havenner, J. F	Baker	Washington	D. C	40	4	4 00	12 00	16 00
Hayden, C. C	Conveyancer	Sacramento	California	6017	4	601 70	12 00	613 70
Hopkins, Wm	R. R. Agent	Llewellyn	Penna	178	3	17 80	9 00	26 80
Hunt, C. W	U. S. Mail Agent	Detroit	Michigan	694	4	69 40	12 00	81 40
Hovey, A. G	Farmer	Corvallis	Oregon	6642	4	664 20	12 00	676 20
Ham, Geo. W	Builder	Providence	Rhode Island	373	4	37 30	12 00	49 30
Judd, Stoddard	Farmer	Fox Lake	Wisconsin	955	4	95 50	12 00	107 50
Kidder, Jos	Merchant	Manchester	N. Hampshire	458	4	45 80	12 00	57 80
Kay. Geo. J	R. R. Agent	Seaford	Delaware	160	4	16 00	12 00	28 00
Kimball, N. J	Shoe Manufacturer	Rochester	N. Hampshire	508	4	50 80	12 00	62 80
Kimball, Henry	Bookbinder	San Francisco	California	5895	4	569 20	12 00	601 20
Kirkup, Jos	Manufacturer	Cincinnati	Ohio	673	3	67 30	9 00	76 30
Lamberton, R. A	Lawyer	Harrisburg	Penna	85	4	8 50	12 00	20 50
Leech, Erie J	Clerk District Court	Keokuk	Iowa	1128	4	112 80	12 00	124 80
Logan, C. A	Physician	Leavenworth	Kansas	1337	4	133 70	12 00	145 70
Lamb, Jos. L	Farmer	Pemberton	New Jersey	135	4	13 50	12 00	25 50
Littlefield, J. M	Merchant	Memphis	Tennessee	1291	4	129 10	12 00	141 10
Leonard, Samuel	Inspector Gov. Arms	Taunton	Mass	413	4	41 30	12 00	53 30
Menzies, J. W	Lawyer	Covington	Kentucky	673	4	67 30	12 00	79 30
McLean, Wm. R	Printer	Washington	D. C	40	4	4 00	12 00	16 00
Marley, Richard	Shoe Manufacturer	Baltimore	Maryland		4		12 00	12 00
McCarty, T. B	County Auditor	Wabash	Indiana	696	4	69 60	12 00	81 60
Parker. Benj. M	House Carpenter	Portsmouth	N. Hampshire	478	4	47 80	12 00	59 80

TABLE OF MILEAGE AND PER DIEM—CONTINUED.

NAMES.	PROFESSION.	TOWN.	STATE.	Distance from Baltimore.	Days in Attendance.	Mileage.	Per Diem.	Total.
Piper, John R	Physician	Washington	D. C	40	3	4 00	$ 9 00	$13 00
Rucker, Edward A	Lawyer	Chicago	Illinois	802	4	80 20	12 00	92 20
Smith, Geo	Merchant	New York	New York	185	4	18 50	12 00	30 50
Scott, M. B	Manufacturer	New Haven	Connecticut	261	4	26 10	12 00	38 10
Sanders, John T	R. R. Clerk	Jeffersonville	Indiana	809	4	80 90	12 00	92 90
Sanders, J. P	Lawyer	Yonkers	New York	208	4	20 80	12 00	32 80
Smiley, Thomas T	Lawyer	Nashville	Tennessee	994	4	99 40	12 00	111 40
Simpson, J. Alex	Lawyer	Philadelphia	Penna	98	4	9 80	12 00	21 80
Schiefer, Jacob F	Manufacturer	St. Louis	Missouri	983	4	98 30	12 00	110 30
Sims, David	Druggist	Alton	Illinois	959	4	95 90	12 00	107 90
Slater, Wm. F	R. R. Superintendent	Columbus	Ohio	553	4	55 30	12 00	67 30
Stokes, John W	Lawyer	Philadelphia	Penna	98	4	9 80	12 00	21 80
Tapping, Isaac	Manufacturer	Utica	New York	453	4	45 30	12 00	57 30
Terwilliger, Jas	Clerk State Senate	Syracuse	New York	485	4	48 50	12 00	60 50
Tucker, Enos H	R. R. Agent	Blackstone	Mass	398	4	39 80	12 00	51 80
Thompson, Wm. H	Plumber	St. Louis	Missouri	983	4	98 30	12 00	110 30
Veitch, Isaac M	Secretary Ins. Comp	St. Louis	Missouri	983	4	98 30	12 00	110 30
Wright, D. H	Builder	Madison	Wisconsin	983	4	98 30	12 00	110 30
Wilson, H. O	R. R. Agent	Milwaukie	Wisconsin	887	4	88 70	12 00	100 70
Wemmell, Wm. L	Pattern-Maker	New York	New York	185	4	18 50	12 00	30 50
Williams, J. Fletcher	Editor	St. Paul	Minnesota	1456	4	145 60	12 00	157 60
Young, James	Printer	Baltimore	Maryland	.....	4	.....	12 00	12 00
				64,885		$6488 50	$915 00	$7403 50

Rep. ELLIS, of Maryland, moved the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary be and he is hereby directed to transmit in circular form to each Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment the resolutions adopted on the report of the Legislative Committee, found on page 3532 of the Journal of this session, and that he be directed to call special attention thereto.

On motion of Rep. LAMBERTON, of Pennsylvania, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That once more our brethren in Baltimore, by their acts of kindness and hospitality towards us during the session in this city, are entitled to our earnest gratitude, and we do now tender them the thanks they so fully merit from us.

Rep. TERWILLIGER, of Northern New York, moved the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary be directed to forward to each of the Representatives the balance of reports and Journals due them, under resolutions passed at this session.

Rep. THOMPSON, of Missouri, moved the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the names of the several Lodges and Encampments and members thereof, contributing to the Wildey Monument fund, be published in the appendix to the Revised Journal.

Rep. SMILEY, of Tennessee, moved the following resolution:

Resolved, That the thanks of this Grand Lodge are due and are hereby tendered to Grand Sire NICHOLSON, for the able, impartial, dignified, and courteous manner in which he has discharged the delicate and arduous duties of his position as presiding officer of this Grand Body.

Pending the consideration of the resolution, Rep. SMILEY, of Tennessee, addressed the Lodge as follows:

A complimentary resolution is often a mere custom. In presenting this it is not merely formal, but offered in the deepest sincerity and truth, as a just tribute to the accomplished presiding officer of this Grand Lodge.

It would be injustice to the members of this body if I failed to say that at every step of the proceedings they have manifested a disposition to aid the officer in the discharge of his duties. There has been displayed a beauty, sympathy, harmony in their whole deportment, which won respect and commanded admiration. What a spectacle here presents itself in this day of turmoil and strife! Representatives from nearly every portion of this Republic and from Canada are assembled, not to mingle in the political or religious dissensions of the times, to take part in the contests of ambition or the strifes of avarice, but animated only by a desire to counsel together and do something to alleviate the sorrows and suffeirngs of their fellow-man.

Allow me to say that the Order in Tennessee was encompassed with difficulties that prevented the ordinary intercourse in business relations, and that the Representatives came here with some apprehension that they might meet with reproof: but the cordial and sincere manner in which they were received, both in

a social and official manner, banished all fear and excited their warmest gratitude.

Their report to the Order in Tennessee of the result of their mission will inspire joy and new courage.

The Order in our jurisdiction has been desolated, but is yet hopeful; the white banner of peace, which is our emblem, seemed to hang listless, but now gentle winds are rustling through its folds, giving life and animation. That banner has never yet been soiled by dissensions, divisions, dishonor, and God grant the day may never come when its purity shall be stained! It will continue to wave, inviting every one to unite with a great Brotherhood, whose only object is to bind up bleeding wounds and soothe sorrowing hearts.

The question being on the adoption of the resolution, it was resolved unanimously in the affirmative by a rising vote.

Rep. SIMPSON, of Pennsylvania, moved the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That if, in the opinion of the M. W. Grand Sire, the interests of the Order will be benefited by a personal visit in his official capacity to the Lodges located in Western Virginia, before the next session of this Body, this Grand Lodge does hereby request our M. W. Grand Sire to make such visit.

Rep. KIDDER, of New Hampshire, moved the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the R. W. Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary be authorized to transport to Boston, if deemed necessary, such books, papers, and furniture as shall be essential to the use and convenience of the members of the next session of this Grand Body.

On motion of Rep. CHIDSEY, of Ohio, it was unanimously resolved that Rep. SMILEY, of Tennessee, be requested to furnish to the Grand Secretary a copy of the remarks made by him on presenting the resolution of thanks to Grand Sire NICHOLSON, in order that they may be placed upon the Journal.

Rep. LEECH, of Iowa, laid on the table the following amendment to the Constitution, seconded by Reps. CASSEDY, of New Jersey; ARMSTRONG, of Kentucky; LEONARD, of Massachusetts; GILMAN, of Michigan; ESCAVAILLE, of Maryland, and DOE, of Maine:

Amend the second paragraph of Article fourteen of the Constitution by striking out after the words "Grand Lodges" the words "and Encampments," and inserting after the words "Seventy-five dollars" the words "and Encampments fifty dollars."

On motion of Rep. DAVIES, of Southern New York, the Lodge resolved itself into secret session.

After some time passed in secret session, the Lodge resumed its ordinary business.

Rep. ELLIS, of Maryland, moved the following resolutions, which, on his motion, were postponed until the next sesion:

Resolved, That any fraudulent misrepresentation of his age by a party seeking admission into either branch of this Order, whereby membership therein is illegally obtained, or obtained for a less consideration than the law of the Lodge or Encampment requires, shall discharge the Lodge or Encampment, as the case may be, from any and all responsibilities growing out of the initiation of the party in question from and after the time such fraud shall be discovered and proved or determined, upon a fair investigation and upon competent testimony.

Resolved, That it shall be legal to investigate and determine the fact of such fraud even after the death of the party alleged to be guilty thereof, provided due notice of such investigation is given to the representatives or family of the deceased claiming benefits of the Lodge or Encampment, as the case may be.

On motion, the order fixing two o'clock as the hour for adjournment, *sine die*, was discharged.

Rep. WILLIAMS, of Minnesota, moved the following resolution:

Resolved, That a committee of three members, whose terms do not expire until after next session, be appointed to report at the session of 1864 a revision of our funeral ceremony, or the plan of a new ceremony

On motion to strike out the words "special committee" from the resolution, and inserting "the Committee on Revision," it was not agreed to.

The question recurring on the adoption of the resolution, it was resolved in the affirmative.

The Chair named as the committee, provided for by the resolution, Reps. WILLIAMS, of Minnesota; JUDD, of Wisconsin; GILMAN, of Michigan.

The business of the session having been concluded, the M. W. Grand Sire called upon the R. W. Grand Chaplain, who addressed the Throne of Grace as follows:

Our Father, who art in Heaven! we bless Thee, that, in the spirit of Friendship, Love, and Truth, we have been enabled to bring the labors of this session of the Grand Lodge to a close, and it remains for us to supplicate Thy blessing upon those labors, and to pray that they may tend to Thy glory and the best interests of our beloved Order. And now that we are about to separate from one another, we ask Thy parting benediction, and pray that Thou wilt guard us on our way, and bring us in safety to our homes. In these times of peril and danger, be Thou the rock of our defence, and the strong tower of our hope. May we remember well, that, while we have been sitting here under the banner of our Order and in profound peace, many of our Brethren have been in the tented field, toiling and suffering in our behalf, and pouring out their blood like water for our sakes. The Lord bless them everywhere, shield them from danger and protect them from harm, and if in the shock of battle they forget Thee, do Thou not forget them, but be gracious to them and bless them. O! Lord, our Heavenly Father, we beseech Thee to regard in much mercy the sick, the wounded, and the suffering everywhere, and let Thine ear be attentive to that great wail of humanity which goeth up from thousands of desolate hearth-stones, where bereaved affection mourns its sundered ties, and the tears of widows and orphans fall like rain drops over the loved and the lost, and help them that they may bear the heavy burden of their sorrow in the patience of hope. Warm Thou the hearts of our Brothers

everywhere with sympathy, and make them active in administering all possible comfort and needful aid.

Hear us, O ! Lord, when we pray for our country, in this the day of its great calamity. May it come forth from the evils that press so heavily upon it as gold tried in the furnace; may the noise and confusion of war cease, and the days of our peace and prosperity soon come again. To Thy faithful care we commit and commend ourselves and all our Brethren, praying that Thou wilt guide and guard and protect us evermore. And unto Thee, the King eternal, immortal, and invisible, the only wise God, be the glory, as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Whereupon, by order of the M. W. Grand Sire, the R. W. Deputy Grand Sire proclaimed the Grand Lodge adjourned *sine die*.

JAS. L. RIDGELY, *Cor. and Recording Secretary.*

INDEPENDENT ORDER OF ODD-FELLOWS.

FRIENDSHIP, LOVE, AND TRUTH.

ANNUAL COMMUNICATION

OF THE

Grand Lodge of the United States,

Held in the City of Boston, September, 1864.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 1864.

The R. W. Grand Lodge assembled this day, being the regular Annual Communication, when, upon a call of the roll, the following members were found to be present:

OFFICERS:

JAMES B. NICHOLSON .....M. W. Grand Sire.
JAMES L. RIDGELY.....R. W. Grand Cor. and Rec. Secretary.
JOSHUA VANSANT.....R. W. Grand Treasurer.
REV. I. D. WILLIAMSON .....R. W. Grand Chaplain.
B. W. DENNIS.....R. W. Grand Marshal.
AUGUSTUS PFAFF .....R. W. Grand Guardian.
JOHN E. CHAMBERLAIN.....R, W. Grand Messenger

And Representatives from nineteen Grand Lodges and twelve Grand Encampments, as follows:

FROM GRAND LODGES.

P. G. F. A. ELLIS.....Maryland.
P. G. M. ENOS H. TUCKER.....Massachusetts.
P. G. M. WILLIAM L. WEMMELL.....Southern New York.
P. G. M. J. ALEXANDER SIMPSON.....Pennsylvania.
P. G. M. JOHN R. PIPER.....District of Columbia.
P. G. GEORGE T. KAY.....Delaware.
P. G. M. JOSEPH KIRKUP.....Ohio.
P. G. M. JOSEPH L. LAMB.....New Jersey.
P. G. M. WILLIAM N. DIXON.....Indiana.
P. G. M. JACOB SCHIEFER.....Missouri.
P. G. EDWARD A. RUCKER.....Illinois.
P. G. M. JAMES E. BIDWELL.....Connecticut.
P. G. THOMAS T. SMILEY.....Tennessee.
P. G. M. E. P. BURNHAM.....Maine.
P. G. M. BENJAMIN N. PARKER.....New Hampshire.
P. G. M. STODDARD JUDD.....Wisconsin.
P. G. M. F. M. FOSTER.....Michigan.
P. G. M. JOHN F. DRISCOL.....Rhode Island.
P. G. M. JAMES P. SANDERS.....Northern New York.
P. G. J. FLETCHER WILLIAMS.....Minnesota.

FROM GRAND ENCAMPMENTS.

P. G. P. RICHARD MARLEY.....Maryland.
P. G. M. JOHN W. STOKES.....Pennsylvania.
P. G. P. JOHN J. DAVIES.....Southern New York.
P. G. M. WILLIAM F. SLATER.....Ohio.
P. G. M. GEORGE W. CASSEDY.....New Jersey.
P. G. P. N. T. KEMBALL.....New Hampshire.
P. G. P. WILLIAM H. THOMPSON.....Missouri.
P. G. M. WILLIAM R. MCLEAN.....District of Columbia.
P. G. P. J. B. GILMAN.....Michigan.
P. G. M. E. D. FARNSWORTH.....Tennessee.
P. G. ISAAC TAPPING.....Northern New York.
P. G. P. DAVID SIMMS.....Illinois.

No quorum being present, the Chair announced the appointment of the following Committee on Credentials, by authority of the thirteenth article of the Constitution, section one:

Committee on Credentials.—Reps. SMILEY, of Tennessee; LOGAN, of Kansas; SIMPSON, of Pennsylvania; BURNHAM, of Maine; and DIXON, of Indiana.

Rep. SMILEY, of Tennessee, from the Committee on Credentials, made the following report, which, on motion of Rep. DAVIES, of Southern New York, was adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

Your Committee on Credentials, having examined the credentials submitted to us, beg leave to report that we find the following to be correct, to wit:

FROM GRAND LODGES.

P. G. M. JOS. S. JONES.....Massachusetts.
P. G. ST. JOHN GOODRICH.....Nebraska.
P. G. M. E. J. LEECH, (vice W. P. ALLEN, resigned).....Iowa.
P. G. ENOS H. JEFFERSON.....Delaware.

FROM GRAND LODGES—continued.

P. G. M. CORNELIUS A. LOGAN.....Kansas.
P. G. M. DAVID E. BURWELL.....Connecticut.
P. G. JOHN F. HAVENNER.....District of Columbia.
P. G. THOMAS C. COLEMAN (appointed).....Tennessee.
P. G. M. J. A. J. BOHEN, (vice J. L. BROWN, resigned).....California.
P. G. M. BENJ. KINGSBURY, Jr.....Maine.
P. G. JOSEPH KIRKUP, (vice P. G. M. J. H. WHEELER).....Ohio.
P. G. M. WM. CHIDSEY.....Ohio.
P. G. M. ALEXANDER K. MANTZ.....Maryland.
P. G. M. JEREMIAH GRISWOLD.....Illinois.
P. G. M. SAMUEL I. BRIDGE.....Wisconsin.
P. G. M. MYER STERN.....Southern New York.
P. G. M. ISAAC M. VEITCH.....Missouri.
P. G. M. M. H. COOLEY.....Iowa.
P. G. M. GEORGE BEISEL.....Michigan.
P. G. M. STOKELY ELLSWORTH.....Oregon.
P. G. M. R. A. LAMBERTON.....Pennsylvania.
P. G. A. H. RANSOM.....Kentucky.
P. G. M. W. P. BUELL.....New Hampshire.
P. G. M. J. S. HARVEY.....Indiana.
P. G. THEODORE A. ROSS.....New Jersey.
P. G. GEO. T. BOHEN, (vice E. W. ROBERTS, resigned).....California.

FROM GRAND ENCAMPMENTS.

P. G. P. J. W. SMITH.....Connecticut.
P. D. G. M. JAS. BURGESS, (vice T. B. MCCARTY, resigned).Indiana.
P. C. P. IRA C. DOE.....Maine.
P. G. ALLEN C. LEWIS.....Illinois.
P. G. P. JOSEPH B. ESCAVAILLE.....Maryland.
P. D. G. S. HERMAN L. PAGE, (vice H. O. WILSON, deceased) Wisconsin.
P. G. P. M. W. SHUSTER.....California.
P. G. B. S. MERRIAM.....Iowa.
P. G. M. JAMES WOOD.....Rhode Island.
P. G. P. J. D. POLLARD.....Kentucky.
P. G. W. H. HOPKINS.....Pennsylvania.
P. G. CHARLES H. BABCOCK.....Ohio.
P. C. P. L. M. CAMPBELL.....Indiana.

No credentials have been received of the election of P. G. P. JAMES TERWILLIGER, Grand Lodge of Northern New York, but we have received a telegraph from the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Northern New York, stating that the certificate, &c. has been forwarded by express. Rep. SANDERS, of the Grand Lodge, and Rep. TAPPING, of the Grand Encampment, both have testified to your committee that said brother was elected to represent the Grand Lodge of Northern New York, they having been present at the election. We therefore recommend his admission as the Representative from that jurisdiction.

A telegraphic despatch was also submitted, purporting to be from the M. W. Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Oregon, informing Bro. M. S. BURRELL that he had been appointed to represent that body in the Grand Lodge, (vice S. ELLSWORTH, resigned.) accompanied by a letter from Bro. ELLSWORTH informing said brother that he had resigned.

Your committee do not think the evidence sufficient to warrant them in recommending his admission upon these papers.

Respectfully submitted.

THO. T. SMILEY,
C. A. LOGAN,
EDWARD P. BURNHAM.
W. H. DIXON,
J. ALEX. SIMPSON.

A quorum being now present, Rev. Bro. I. D. WILLIAMSON, R. W. Grand Chaplain, addressed the Supreme Ruler of the Universe, as follows:

Our Father who art in Heaven. We look up to thy throne of life and light and glory with reverence and gratitude and hope, and we give thee thanks that we have been preserved through the labors and dangers of another year, and that we are here in Grand Lodge assembled. Especially do we bless thee, that, in the midst of the noise and confusion of war, the spirit of our Order lives, and the "still small voice" of Friendship, Love, and Truth is yet heard in the land. Be pleased to accept our thanks for all the success that has attended our labors for the promotion of the interests of this institution during the past year. Help us that we may lay all our trophies and victories at thy feet, and remember well that our help cometh from thee. And now we invoke thy blessing upon our Order, in all its various branches, that it may be saved alike from external danger and internal strife, and go on prospering as it has prospered from the beginning. Bless, we beseech thee, thy servant, the Grand Sire, and all the officers and members of this Grand Lodge. Give them wisdom to devise such measures, and such only, as may advance the good cause in which they are engaged. Be very graciously near to the bereaved and disconsolate, the widows and orphans, who are many in the land, and quicken our hearts with sympathy, that we may labor yet more earnestly in their behalf. Hear thou our prayer, and answer in mercy, and to thy name be the glory forever. Amen.

The Chair appointed P. G. M. RICHARD MARLEY, of Maryland, Deputy Grand Sire *pro tem.*, who having examined the Representatives, and declared them duly qualified, by order of the Grand Sire proclaimed the Grand Lodge open for the transaction of business.

On motion of Rep. SANDERS, of Northern New York, the reading of the Journal of the last session was dispensed with, and it was approved as printed.

The M. W. Grand Sire submitted the following communication to the Grand Lodge:

BOSTON, September 19, 1864.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

DEAR SIRS AND BROTHERS: As the organ of the R. W. Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, the undersigned have great pleasure of informing the M. W. Grand Sire, Officers, and Representatives of the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, that arrangements have been made for your annual session at Odd-Fellows' Hall, in this city, and that the R. W. Grand Lodge of Massachusetts is now in special session at the chamber prepared for your accommodation, awaiting your formal presentation. We are here, worthy Sire and Brothers, charged with the performance of that pleasing duty, and are ready, at your convenience, to accompany you to the Grand Lodge presence.

Yours fraternally,

WM. ELLISON, P. G. Sire.
WM. E. PARMENTER, P. G. M.
N. A. THOMPSON, P. G. M.
E. M. P. WELLS, P. G. M.
T. C. PORTER, P. G. P.
M. N. ADAMS, P. G. M.
C. E. BUCKINGHAM, P. G. M.
J. L. DREW, P. G. M.
P. K. HILLS, P. G. M.
JOS. S. JONES, P. G. M.

On motion of Rep. VEITCH, of Missouri, it was

Resolved unanimously, That this Grand Lodge, entertaining a high sense of the honor conferred by the R. W. Grand Lodge of Massachusetts in the invitation extended to it to hold its present annual session in the city of Boston, and sincerely appreciating the fraternal spirit which has characterized the Brotherhood under its jurisdiction, in the ample accommodations provided for our meeting, will now proceed, under escort of the distinguished committee representing the R. W. Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, to its presence.

Whereupon the M. W. Grand Sire directed the Grand Marshal to take charge of the Lodge, and to form the body in order of procession, according to the duties of his office.

The Lodge, being formed into line by the Grand Marshal, proceeded in a body in charge of that officer, and under escort of the committee of the R. W. Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, to the chamber of that Right Worthy Grand Body, where, having been admitted, and advanced to the centre of the room, the M. W. Grand Sire, Officers, and Grand Representatives were received with the honors of the Order, and presented in form to the R. W. Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, by P. G. Sire WILLIAM ELLISON, Chairman of the Committee, who addressed the body as follows:

MOST WORTHY GRAND MASTER: The Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, having through its Representatives invited the Grand Lodge of the United States to hold its annual session for 1864 in the city of Boston, and that body having accepted the invitation, now present themselves in pursuance thereof. I need not say, sir, that this is a distinguished honor to the jurisdiction of Massachusetts, and one that will prompt her to renewed efforts and a more enduring love for those ever-living principles which reflect the harmony and the beauty of our affiliation, whose mission it is so to harmonize and subdue every discordant passion within us, that mankind may be taught through its sublime precepts to beat their swords into ploughshares, their spears into pruning hooks, and nations as well as individuals to make war no more. You have in your presence, sir, the Representatives of twenty-five States and Territories of our Federal Union, who have come up here to the old Bay State to lay the tribute of loving and loyal hearts upon the altars of Odd-Fellowship, and to mould into their legislative acts that cement of all the social virtues, so pre-eminently designed to make us better men, better husbands and fathers, better citizens, better legislators, thus giving strength and stability to the fair fabric of government. But, sir, I will not by any further remarks forestall the words of welcome which you in your official capacity are now ready to extend to these rulers in our palaces. Allow me, then, to introduce to you, and through you to the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, the Most Worthy Grand Sire of the Grand Lodge of the United States, Past Grand Master JAS. B. NICHOLSON; also his associate Officers and the Representatives to that distinguished body.

M. W. Grand Master WM. E. FORD addressed the M. W. Grand Sire, Officers and Grand Representatives as follows:

MOST WORTHY GRAND SIRE, OFFICERS AND REPRESENTATIVES OF THE RIGHT WORTHY GRAND LODGE OF THE UNITED STATES: The occasion that has brought us here to-day is one of uncommon importance to the benevolent fraternity which we represent, and has been looked forward to for several months with a great degree of interest by the Odd-Fellows of this jurisdiction.

For the first time since the introduction of Odd-Fellowship into this country, we are honored to-day with a visit from the Grand Lodge of the United States, the highest tribunal known in our Order; and I have the pleasure of extending to you, in behalf of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, a most cordial and hearty welcome to the hospitalities of the "Old Bay State."

Second on the list of the pioneers in our great army of humanity, we have felt the importance of the work entrusted to our care, and have constantly labored to increase its blessings, and transmit them to our successors. With the introduction of Odd-Fellowship into Maryland by Past Grand Sire THOMAS WILDEY, and the establishment of it in Massachusetts upon a permanent basis by Past Grand Master DANIEL HERSEY and others soon after, may be seen the earliest efforts in behalf of one of the greatest blessings that has ever fallen to mankind.

And I am glad, sir, that I can report to you that Odd-Fellowship in this jurisdiction at the present time is in a flourishing condition, that the loss of interest which for a few years had so seriously affected our prospects has passed away, we hope forever; that prosperity again smiles upon our labors, and that our citizens have begun to realize the importance and value of our organization as one of the most useful and honorable of the present day. As evidence of this, I am able to report a good attendance at our Lodge meetings, an increase of some hundreds in membership from amongst the most respectable of our citizens, and a large addition to our funds.

With the men and means at our command, with a large field in which to labor for the good of our brethren, in spreading forth to the breeze our banner, with the motto of "Friendship, Love, and Truth" inscribed upon its folds; with "Faith, Hope, and Charity" in our hearts, we are devoutly thankful to God for all his blessings towards us his children; and we intend, by his good will, to continue the great work for which our Order was instituted. To visit the sick, to bury the dead, to educate the orphan, and assist the widow,—these are its imperative commands, and we would most cheerfully obey them, remembering also our duty to God, our country, and ourselves. With this important work before us, our institution is as necessary now as it ever has been, or ever can be.

So long as poor suffering human nature is subject to the ills placed upon it, so long as sorrow continues to afflict our race, or hunger to prey upon its victim, *so* long will there be a necessity for such an institution as Odd-Fellowship. When these and numerous other afflictions to which we are subjected shall cease, then, and not till then, will it be wise to abandon our work. Sir, time will not permit me to enlarge upon the great subject so near to our hearts, but I trust ere the week shall have passed away the Odd-Fellows of Massachusetts will have an opportunity to hear from their honored Grand Sire upon these important subjects.

I am aware that you have come here to legislate for our beloved Order, that business, more than pleasure, is the chief object of your visit; but I hope you will so arrange the business of the session that time may be had to visit some of the many places of interest in this city and its vicinity, and the brethren who have come from many distant homes to greet you may have that pleasure.

Sir, I am aware that many of the Representatives from distant States and Lodges have stood for the first time to-day upon the soil of New England, for the first time have walked the streets of Boston. To them, to all, I say welcome, my brethren, to our hospitalities, to our homes and hearts best greeting. You may have heard of some of our "Boston Notions" and our crooked streets, and perchance come here with a little prejudice in your minds, which, by a more intimate acquaintance with the people of the old Bay State, we feel sure you will soon forget. Be that as it may, I bid you a most cordial and heart-felt welcome in behalf of the Odd-Fellows of this jurisdiction. I do not ask or care to know your political opinions or religious faith. You are engaged with us in a noble work, one that commends itself to God and man, and, as fellow-laborers in works of mercy, I would receive you, hoping and trusting that in good time the glad tidings will go forth from the North, the South, the East, and the West, "On earth peace, good will toward men," and that henceforth men will "beat

their swords into ploughshares and their spears into pruning hooks," and will not learn war any more, but love will prevail everywhere.

To the stranger, Boston has many matters of interest and attraction. To an inspection of them I invite you. To the Public Schools, wherein upwards of twenty-eight thousand pupils are gathered daily under an efficient corps of able teachers, and for the support of which her citizens pay nearly five hundred and twenty thousand dollars per year; to the Public Library, containing one hundred and twenty thousand volumes of select reading matter, *free* to all persons of a suitable age, "the cap stone to her free school system of education," where her citizens can find the means for mental improvement and gratify their taste for reading; to the City Hospital, erected for the accommodation of the sick and needy, to which are given her best medical and surgical skill free of charge; to the destitute poor, through the Board of Overseers, to which there has been appropriated upwards of eighty-four thousand dollars in one year, may be seen her system of public charities. In these, and kindred associations under her care, may be found some of the good works in which our citizens are engaged; add to these upwards of one hundred and seventy-five societies, who have as their particular duty the education and relief of their members, one hundred and thirty-six of which are charitable associations, organized for the express purpose of affording relief to their members, with one hundred and ten churches, and as many more Sabbath schools, engaged in removing ignorance, poverty and crime, at work for the spiritual and moral improvement of the people, and you will perceive that something is being done to give a healthy tone to society. I would not boast of what our citizens are doing in the great and benevolent works of the day; our *Order* is a charitable one, and any matters concerning the comfort of the people must interest its members. As individuals shape communities for good, we would have the influence of communities help to the support of all benevolent institutions. Sir, in the immediate vicinity of Boston much will be found to interest our distinguished brethren. To some of these places we would take them. To old "Bunker Hill," a place sacred to all lovers of freedom, a spot dear to our hearts, where fell some of the noble martyrs of liberty in the early struggle for freedom and independence, we would have you go and breathe in the air which gave the heroes of that day strength and courage to defend their homes and rights as freemen. To old "Harvard University," and her youthful companion, "Tuft's College," we invite you. To these and many other places of interest we shall be glad to accompany you, and we hope the visit of this Grand Body to "Old Massachusetts" will be the means of making many lasting friends, binding them together in one mind and one love. I had hoped, when it was determined to hold this meeting in Boston, to have had the pleasure of welcoming Representatives from *our whole country*. Nothing would have given me more pleasure, and I trust the day is not far distant when we shall again be united, and all be laboring at the "North," the "South," the "East," and the "West" for the advancement of Friendship, Love, and Truth.

Most Worthy Grand Sire, in behalf of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, of the Independent Order of Odd-Fellows in this jurisdiction, I extend to you the right hand of fellowship, and welcome you and your associates to our homes and hospitalities.

To which the M. W. Grand Sire, JAMES B. NICHOLSON, made the following response:

MOST WORTHY GRAND MASTER: Permit me to return to you, and through you to the Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, the most cordial and hearty thanks of the Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of the United States for your very fraternal welcome to the city of Boston, and to this, your beautiful Hall, wherein you have extended the proffer of generous hospitalities in such kindly tones that involuntarily our hearts are stirred with grateful emotions.

We do not confess to any feeling of surprise at this cordial greeting. We are not strangers to the manly worth and true character of the members of the

Grand Lodge of Massachusetts. We have known you for many years, through the sterling Representatives whom you have sent to represent you in the Grand Lodge of the United States, where they have done much to illustrate the benign influences of the Order and shape the legislation that has tended to its advancement. Their names are among those most honored in our annals.

We will gladly visit, if time affords the opportunity, your Public Schools, your Charitable and Literary Institutions, in order to witness their systematic organization, and become more fully acquainted with their beneficent results, for we recognise in every purifying and refining influence in society an honored adjunct of Odd-Fellowship, whose special object it is to elevate and ennoble man's social condition.

We receive and accept with pleasure the invitation to partake of your hospitalities whilst in your midst. We shall be delighted to avail ourselves of every opportunity of making personal acquaintanceship with the brethren of Boston in the hope that friendships may be formed and cemented that will endure long after our shadows have ceased to fall upon your footpaths. We will be happy to visit with you the various objects of historic interest with which your city abounds, in order not only to recall the teachings of the past, but by local association to stamp them more firmly upon our minds.

Delightful as these cordial greetings are, pleasurable as are the hospitalities and prospects to which you invite us, these, worthy sir, are not the chief objects of our meetings in Boston. We have come up hither a band of grave, earnest men with one great object in view, from which no delights can seduce us. We have met for the purpose of contributing to the advancement of one of the greatest causes that can be committed to mortal man. Our duties here are to counsel and advise how we may best work for the uplifting of HUMANITY; to legislate for and encourage the still onward career of Odd-Fellowship. We fondly hope that our meeting here will give renewed life and vigor to the Brotherhood in Massachusetts.

Thanking you again for the kind words of welcome which you have uttered, I now extend to you, and through you to the Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, and to the entire Brotherhood in this jurisdiction, in behalf of the great Brotherhood who recognise the supreme jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of the United States, the right hand of fellowship and good will.

The M. W. Grand Sire now occupied the chair vacated by the M. W. Grand Master of Massachusetts, and the M. W. Grand Lodge of Massachusetts having retired, the Lodge proceeded to business, when—

On motion of Rep. MARLEY, of Maryland, a committee of five was appointed to draw for seats to be occupied by the respective Representatives of the jurisdictions subordinate to the Grand Lodge, after the manner heretofore adopted and pursued.

The Chair named Reps. MARLEY, of Maryland, TUCKER, of Massachusetts, JUDD, of Wisconsin, TAPPING, of Northern New York, and LAMB, of New Jersey, as the committee.

Rep. MARLEY, of Maryland, from the special committee on that subject, made the following report, and the Representatives were seated in conformity thereto:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The committee appointed by this R. W. Grand Body to draw seats to be occupied by the respective jurisdictions, report the following as the result, to wit:

Northern New York.....1, 2, 3
Missouri.....4, 5, 6
New Jersey.....7, 8. 9
Minnesota 10
Maryland 11, 12, 13, 14
Wisconsin 15, 16, 17
Iowa 18, 19, 20
District of Columbia.....21, 22, 23
Massachusetts 24, 25, 26
Ohio 27, 28, 29, 30
Southern New York.....31, 32, 33
Tennessee.....34, 35, 36
Kentucky 37, 38, 39
New Hampshire 40, 41, 42
Delaware 43, 44
Kansas.....45
Michigan 46, 47, 48
Pennsylvania 49, 50, 51, 52
Maine 53, 54, 55
Connecticut 56, 57, 58
Rhode Island 59, 60
Canada West 61
Oregon.....62
Illinois 63, 64, 65, 66
California 67, 68, 69
Indiana.....70, 71, 72, 73
Nebraska.....74
Vermont.....75
Lower Provinces.....76
Texas 77, 78, 79
Virginia 80, 81, 82 83
North Carolina.....84, 85, 86
Louisiana 87, 88, 89
Mississippi 90, 91, 92
Alabama 93, 94, 95
South Carolina.....96, 97, 98
Georgia.....99, 100, 101
Florida 102
Arkansas 103

RICHARD MARLEY,
E. H. TUCKER, Jr.,
STODDARD JUDD,
ISAAC TAPPING,
JOSEPH L. LAMB.

Rep. Burnham, of Maine, moved the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the members of the Order who have attained the proper rank may be admitted within the Grand Lodge during its deliberations, when properly vouched for and introduced to the Grand Guardian by the Representatives respectively from jurisdictions to which the visitors may be attached.

P. G. Sire Ellison, of Massachusetts, tendered, in behalf of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, an invitation to the Grand Lodge of the United States to partake of a collation this day, which, on motion, was accepted.

Whereupon the Lodge took a recess for twenty minutes.

The time for recess having expired, the Lodge reassembled, when,

On motion of Rep. J. A. J. Bohen, of California, the subject-matter of the report of the Committee on Credentials, relating to the Representative from Oregon, was recommitted to the Committee on Credentials.

Rep. Lamberton, of Pennsylvania, moved the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That this Grand Lodge will meet daily at 9 A. M., take a recess of thirty minutes at 12 M., and adjourn at 3½ P. M., until further order.

Rep. Smiley, of Tennessee, moved the following resolution, which was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That Past Grand Sire Ellison, Grand Master Wm. E. Ford, and Grand Sire Nicholson be requested to furnish copies of their addresses made at

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the preliminary meeting and reception of the Grand Lodge of the United States by the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts; that they be furnished to the newspapers of this city for publication, and that they be attached to the revised proceedings of this Grand Lodge.

The M. W. Grand Sire presented the following communication, and, on motion of Rep. JUDD, of Wisconsin, the invitation was accepted:

Past Deputy Grand Sire NEWELL A. THOMPSON respectfully requests the pleasure of the company of the Most Worthy Grand Sire, Officers, and members of the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, on Friday evening next, 23d instant, at 8 o'clock.

81 BOYLSTON STREET,
BOSTON, Sept. 19, 1864.

The M. W. Grand Sire submitted his annual report, as follows:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES: It becomes my painful duty to announce to you the death of the Right Worthy Deputy Grand Sire, WILLIAM H. YOUNG, who was accidentally killed on the 22d day of June last, whilst on his way to the city of Philadelphia to attend a meeting of the WILDEY Monument Committee. The circumstances of his death, sudden and violent; the duty in which he was at the time engaged, the position that he occupied in our midst, all conspire to make this sad event especially solemn and affecting. This chair upon my right, that would have received him to-day, is clothed with the emblems of sorrow for his death. The music of his speech will be heard no more in the halls of the living. He speaks now and henceforth only through the past, out of the silence of the grave.

You will, no doubt, express in a more becoming manner than is possible to me, your deep sense of the loss sustained by the Grand Lodge of the United States, and by the entire brotherhood, in the death of our gifted and beloved brother. To you, then, I commit this mournful subject, with the assurance that, in whatever terms of respect or admiration your sentiments may be expressed, there will be none more ready to re-echo them than myself. There are further sources of sadness in the loss of other laborers in the cause of Humanity, whose deaths will be formally announced to you by the Representatives from their respective jurisdictions. The names and deeds of those departed brothers are to be cherished in your memories as you fondly hope yours may be, by those who will hereafter succeed you in these scenes of labor and of love. But sorrow is not our entire portion; ungrateful should we be if we did not recognize the many causes of thanksgiving which we owe to ALMIGHTY GOD, whose very chastisements are evidences of love, and under whose signal care our Order has been so wonderfully preserved.

Representatives of an extended brotherhood and a noble charity, I congratulate you upon the recurrence of this Grand Annual Communication. To those of you whom I have met in years past I am bound in ties of grateful affection, which it is a delight to renew, by participating in common efforts for the advancement of our fraternity, and by sharing in the pure enjoyments which attend the intercommunication of kindred spirits. To those who for the first time meet in this assembly, my heart goes out in words of welcome, as I invite their earnest and loving participation in the duties and moral responsibilities of the Session. May you all be firmly knit together in the bonds of Unity and Brotherhood.

My heart swells with joy and gratitude as I take a commanding view of the present condition of the Order. No halting nor hesitation in its progress is visible, but firm, confident, and hopeful, it continues to advance with noiseless, yet triumphant steps. A revived interest is being manifested in almost every jurisdiction. In some, large accessions have been made to the membership, more than compensating for heavy, but inevitable losses. The indications everywhere are that the greatest triumphs that the Order has yet achieved will be eclipsed by those that await it. Like an angel, with love stamped upon its brow, Odd

Fellowship daily wins its way to the affections of those who were strangers to its beauty; who listen thenceforth to its heaven-born teachings, and taste of unselfish, ennobling joys. The faith of the brethren is being increased by the daily accumulating evidences of the entire adaptability of Odd-Fellowship to all the exigencies of human existence. A future radiant with promise seems to be opening before the Order. Years of trial have proved its inestimable value, and it needs but blue skies over our heads, and peaceful valleys beneath our feet, to enable Odd-Fellowship to accomplish its great mission of love and benefaction to the human race. Our beloved Order, born in darkness, nurtured in sunshine, rocked amid storms, still lives and flourishes, giving greater reasons than ever before for believing that it will live forever.

Numerous questions have been submitted during the past year, but the answers have generally been mere transcripts from the journals of the Grand Lodge; it is, therefore, deemed unnecessary to repeat them. The following decisions, upon which there may be differences of opinion, are respectfully submitted to your consideration.

1. The customs and usages of the Order prohibit the initiation of a person whose physical deformity prevents a compliance with the requirements and laws of the Order. The decision of the question as to the applicability of the general principle to special cases of partial deformity, rests with the local authorities, and especially with the Subordinate Lodge to which admission is asked.

2. Until cards suited for the purpose are issued by the Grand Lodge of the United States, State, District, or Territorial Grand Lodges may have prepared and issue a certificate or card to members of extinct or suspended Subordinate Lodges in their respective jurisdictions, said certificate to set forth on its face the circumstances of the case; to be signed by the Grand Master, attested by the Grand Secretary, under seal, and to have the same force and effect as a regular withdrawal card.

3. An "Ancient Odd-Fellow," who can satisfactorily establish his claim to be so considered, and can prove himself in the Initiatory work, is not required to be re-initiated into the Order. His rank or standing in the Lodge to which he may be admitted will be determined by the Lodge, upon the report of the committee appointed to make the necessary examination.

4. "One principal purpose to be subserved by the office of Grand Representative being the communication of the A. T. P. W. to the Executive of his respective jurisdiction," before the first day of January following the session of the Grand Lodge of the United States, a State Grand Body has the right to instruct its Grand Representative as to *the mode* by which the A. T. P. W. shall be communicated to the Grand Master or Grand Secretary, whether personally or otherwise, due regard being had to safety.

5. A member of an extinct Lodge who did not regularly withdraw therefrom prior to its extinction, can be admitted to membership *only* upon the presentation of a card from the officers of the Grand Lodge under which the defunct Lodge formerly existed.

Application was made for the A. T. P. W. in behalf of Frontier Lodge, No. 3, of Arkansas, "the Grand Lodge of that jurisdiction being for the present broken up." The request was granted, and the Lodge enjoined to aid others and to exert itself in resuscitating the Grand Lodge as speedily as possible.

The A. T. P. W. was, as heretofore, transmitted to Vermont. The depressed condition of the Order in that jurisdiction, standing as it does as an exception to the general prosperity, has been a subject of painful solicitude. In addition to fervent appeals made in my correspondence, anxiety led me to proffer a personal visit, in the hope of being able to revive some interest, and induce a representation from that jurisdiction at the present session. The proffer was courteously declined by the Grand Master, who, however, engaged to meet me in person in the city of Albany on the 16th of August. Circumstances prevented him from keeping the engagement. The Grand Lodge of Vermont, at its Annual Session in August, elected a Representative, for whom it is unnecessary to ask a patient hearing as to the condition of the Order in that jurisdiction, satisfied as I am that no effort on your part will be wanting to infuse life and energy into the brotherhood in Vermont.

An application from seven of the original members in good standing in Union Encampment of Delaware, asking for the restoration of the charter of said Encampment, was received, with the endorsement of the District Deputy Grand Sire, Brother HENRY ECKEL. Authority was given to reinstitute the Encampment, which was accordingly done on the 10th of May, under favorable auspices. A visible improvement is manifest in the condition of the Patriarchal branch of the Order in Delaware. It would require but little effort on the part of the Patriarchs to revive the Grand Encampment of that jurisdiction.

Correspondence with Brother HENRY BIER, the Right Worthy Grand Secretary, and other members of the Grand Lodge of Louisiana, has led to a knowledge of the interesting fact that the Order is flourishing to an unprecedented extent in the city of New Orleans, despite influences that seem hostile to its growth. I have urged, with what fervor and power I possessed, the sending of Grand Representatives from that jurisdiction to this Grand Annual Communication. A letter upon that subject, upon which I based some hopes, was not received by the Grand Secretary, as it was returned, quite recently, through the "Dead Letter Office." I have reason to believe, however, that the other letters reached their destination. The Right Worthy Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary, ever alive to the interests of the Order, urged the propriety of a personal visit to New Orleans, for the purpose of re-establishing our fraternal connection with the brethren of Louisiana. A hope that the noble object could be accomplished without devoting so much time, trouble, and expense to its consummation induced me to decline, and to rely upon corresponding with the brethren for the purpose. The correspondence is herewith submitted.

A communication, dated February the 12th, 1864, was received from the Most Worthy Grand Master of California, Brother DAVID KENDALL, asking my opinion as to the constitutionality of a clause in the Constitution of Subordinate Lodges in that jurisdiction. The third section of the second article contained the *proviso* by which Lodges in California were permitted, by special enactment of the Grand Lodge of the United States, to admit non-affiliated Odd-Fellows to membership in that jurisdiction. Having a distinct recollection of the formal surrender of this special privilege, I was somewhat surprised at the question being submitted, yet referred the Grand Master to page 3205 of the Journal of the Grand Lodge of the United States, Session of 1860, for an account of the surrender of "this special act of clemency" by the Grand Lodge of California, and informed him that, in consequence of that surrender, the Lodges in California were governed by the general laws of the Order. This decision was the subject of special action at the last session of the Grand Lodge of California, and an appeal therefrom determined upon. Upon the report of the committee reaching me, I replied as follows: In examining said report, it is therein averred that the Grand Lodge of California "did, at its annual session of 1862, reconsider its action, surrendering the privilege, and re-enacted the amendment to the Constitution of its subordinates in the form in which it was originally passed." As this fact was not communicated to me, the decision in question was made in entire ignorance of the most essential fact in the case. The Grand Lodge of the United States, in neglecting to formally repeal the amendment to its Constitution, did, as the committee state, leave the "door open to the Grand Lodge of California to reconsider its action in allowing the amendment to the Constitution of its subordinates to expire by limitation." In conclusion, the decision was reversed. The present Grand Master of California, Brother J. A. MCCLELLAND, has since issued a circular to the Subordinate Lodges, informing them that the special law in relation to non-affiliated Odd-Fellows is in full force and effect in that jurisdiction. You are now advised that the Grand Lodge of California has retracted the surrender made in 1860, and that action on your part is necessary, if it be considered desirable to have uniform laws throughout the Order in relation to suspended members.

The Right Worthy Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Brother WILLIAM CURTIS, has placed in my hands the charter of Mountain Lodge, No. 27, of Georgia, received from Past Grand CHARLES CORLISS, of Capouse Lodge, No. 70, of Pennsylvania, who states that when entering Dalton he was informed that the Odd-Fellows' Hall was standing open to the public. Upon going to

the Hall he found every thing in disorder. He secured the Charge Books and Charter, burning the former as a measure of safety, and sending the latter, at the first favorable opportunity, to Grand Secretary CURTIS. The charter will be preserved by the Grand Lodge of the United States, to be restored at the request of the Lodge, for whom it will be held in trust.

Questions that were submitted by Grand Representative LITTLEFIELD, of Tennessee, in relation to Subordinate Lodges closing entirely and opening again on the same evening, for the purpose of balloting for or conferring Degrees, led, before preparing a reply, to a reference to the report of the Committee on the State of the Order made at your last session, Journal, page 3558. The examination satisfied me that the phraseology used does not cover the ground of the decision from which the committee dissented. The words, "whilst working in the degrees" and "when opened" apply to a condition of affairs respecting which there could not possibly be any difference of opinion. It is therefore respectfully submitted whether the matter may not be again referred to the committee, in order that there may be an unmistakable expression of opinion upon a subject of so much interest to the Order.

On the 6th of July a warrant was issued to BIRKS CONFORTH, L. R. BOXLEY, J. H. VANDEVENTER, JOHN VOGHT, and HERMAN H. HERSON, to institute a Lodge in Denver City, Colorado Territory, to be called Union Lodge, No. 1.

In accordance with the recommendation of the Committee on Petitions, adopted at your last Annual Communication, it became my duty to appoint a Special Grand Commissioner for Western Virginia. Conforming to the expressed wishes of a number of Past Grands residing in Wheeling, I appointed Past Grand Master THOMAS G. STEELE, of Fairmont, Marion Co., Virginia, as special Grand Commissioner. The extraordinary circumstances that called for the appointment required the exercise of some discretion in the recital of the powers delegated and the duties enjoined. The task was approached with hesitation on account of its importance, as well as for want of the light derived from precedent, but at the same time with a confident appreciation of the broad, far-seeing, comprehensive spirit which had inspired your legislation. A copy of the special commission and of the circular letter to the Lodges are hereunto appended for your approval, or the reverse, as wisdom may dictate.

Fearing that seeds of dissatisfaction might be sown in Western Virginia, through your declining to accede to the request to organize a Grand Lodge in that locality, I determined to repair thither, to justify the wisdom of the course pursued, and to testify, by my official presence in the midst of the brethren, the deep interest felt in their welfare by the Grand Lodge of the United States. I arrived at Wheeling on the fourteenth day of January last, and in accordance with previous appointment was met by Grand Commissioner STEELE and other distinguished members of the Order. Accompanied by them, I visited Virginius Lodge, No. 3, and gave thorough instructions in the "work" of Subordinate Lodges and the duties of the members. During the following afternoon I opened a Special Lodge of Instruction, and gave to those duly qualified correct instruction in the various degrees of the Order. Early in the evening I made a brief visit to Panola Lodge, No. 82, and afterwards addressed, at considerable length, a "mass meeting" of the Odd-Fellows of Wheeling and the adjacent country, upon the topics in which they felt a special interest. There are good reasons for believing, from the satisfaction then expressed, and from assurances since received, that the visit resulted beneficially to the Order in Western Virginia. None but the kindest feelings of regard were manifested toward the Grand Lodge of the United States, and no attentions were spared by the brethren, and especially by Past Grand L. F. BEELER, in rendering my visit pleasant and agreeable.

The report of the Special Grand Commissioner will show the remarkable degree of prosperity enjoyed by the Lodges in Wheeling during the past year. The thanks of the Grand Lodge and of the Order are eminently due to Grand Commissioner STEELE, for the fidelity and zeal which he has displayed in the performance of the important duties which have devolved upon him.

Having been specially invited to visit the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin, I proceeded from Wheeling to that jurisdiction, stopping on the way to enjoy the

hospitalities of Past Grand Representative E. H. Barry, Right Worthy Grand Secretary of Indiana, and thereby enjoying the gratification of exchanging fraternal greeting with the Most Worthy Grand Master, Dennis Gregg, and other eminent brethren residing in Indianapolis. Upon reaching Milwaukee I found the Most Worthy Grand Master, Samuel J. Bridge, and others, awaiting my arrival, in order to tender their cordial congratulations and manifest their hospitable intents. During the afternoon I called upon the projector of the visit, Grand Representative H. O. Wilson, and found him lying upon what proved to be his death-bed. His emotions caused mingled tears of bitterness and joy to gush forth. The power of his wonderful will had failed him at last, at the very moment to which he had looked forward with pleasing anticipations as the fruition of hopes for the advancement of the Order in Wisconsin; yet he was glad to see me at his side. It was hard to grasp the hand of this faithful and true brother; to gaze upon his wasted form, and feel that he was soon to pass away from the scenes of his earthly labors and loves, by pathways of anguish and pain, through the ever open gates of death, before he could be at rest.

On the twentieth day of January I visited the Right Worthy Grand Encampment of Wisconsin, and gave the instructions in the "work" of the Patriarchal branch of the Order. The following morning I attended the annual session of the Right Worthy Grand Lodge of Wisconsin, and was most cordially welcomed by Grand Master Bridge. The large number of Past Grands in attendance was to me an agreeable surprise, and proved their devotion to the Order. In the course of the day I gave instructions in the "work" of the Order, and afterwards conferred the degree of Rebekah on several brothers and their wives. In the evening I delivered a public address on Odd-Fellowship, in the Academy of Music.

The brethren of Wisconsin had displayed so much fraternal regard, that it was like tearing one of the tender fibres of the heart to say—farewell. The memory of the brotherly kindness, of the fraternal intercourse enjoyed amongst those zealous disciples of our Order, will remain among the most enduring recollections of life. The retrospect will be a perpetual delight.

Returning to Chicago on the 18th, I had the pleasure of meeting the Most Worthy Grand Master J. G. Rogers, Past Grand Representative N. P. Iglehart, Grand Representatives E. A. Rucker, John P. Foss, and other honored members of the Right Worthy Grand Lodge of Illinois. In the evening I delivered a public address on the Principles and Objects of the Order, to a numerous auditory in Metropolitan Hall, and was afterwards introduced to and exchanged greetings with a large number of the brethren and their families. Upon leaving Metropolitan Hall, I was escorted to the Briggs House, where a splendid banquet had been prepared, evincing the respect entertained for the Grand Lodge of the United States by the brotherhood in Chicago. Deeply grateful for the abounding marks of fraternal regard, and under deep obligations for personal attentions, I was early next morning escorted to the cars by Brother Iglehart, and through him were said the last words of parting to the members of the Grand Lodge of Illinois.

On the evening of Thursday, February the 9th, I had the honor of being introduced to Ocean Lodge in the city of New York by Brother Aaron McCall, Most Worthy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Southern New York, and was afforded an opportunity of addressing the members. Following this visit came an invitation to attend the May session of the Grand Lodge of Southern New York, in company with the Right Worthy Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary of the Grand Lodge of the United States. Accordingly, on the evening of Friday, May the 6th, after being formally welcomed to the Grand Lodge by Grand Master McCall, a recess was declared, the doors were opened to members of the Order, and they enjoyed the rare pleasure of hearing the great principles of our Fraternity descanted upon by our eminent and eloquent brother, James L. Ridgely. His address was followed by remarks from myself. Upon their conclusion I was surprised with the presentation of a handsome gold medal, through the hands of Past Grand E. J. Peck, in behalf of New York Degree Lodge, No. 1. After leaving the Grand Lodge the Right Worthy Grand Secretary and myself were escorted to Delmonico's, where an elegant and costly banquet was provided. The table was presided over by the Most Worthy Grand

Master, and was surrounded by brethren of New York whose names are historic in the annals of the Order. The next evening I visited the New York Degree Lodge, No. 1, witnessed the admirable work of its officers, and made some brief remarks before retiring. To the officers and members of the Right Worthy Grand Lodge of Southern New York I am under deep obligations for the unceasing attentions shown me whilst in their midst. From the moment of arrival to that of departure, I was constantly surrounded by brethren anxious to render to me, as one of your officers, a manifestation of their regard for the Grand Lodge of the United States.

I attended the Annual Session of the Right Worthy Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania; was welcomed with the appropriate honors; gave the instructions in the "work" of the Order, assisted by Grand Representatives R. A. LAMBERTON and J. A. SIMPSON, and at the close of the session addressed the Representatives of the Subordinate Lodges in that extensive jurisdiction.

On Wednesday, July the 20th, I attended, by invitation, the Annual Session of the Right Worthy Grand Lodge of Delaware; was warmly welcomed by the Most Worthy Grand Master, Brother J. MARIS, and had the honor of installing the Grand Officers into their respective chairs. Afterwards a recess was declared, and members of the Subordinate Lodges were admitted to the room, when I addressed those present on the duties of Odd-Fellows. This visit enabled me to greet in your name the brotherhood in Delaware, and to assure them of your hearty appreciation of their labors in the great cause in which we are all mutually engaged.

An earnest and fraternal invitation from the Most Worthy Grand Master, C. V. CLARK, to attend the Annual Session of the Right Worthy Grand Lodge of Northern New York, determined me to meet, in your behalf, with the brethren of that jurisdiction. On my way to the meeting of the Grand Lodge, at Schenectady, in company with Grand Master CLARK, Grand Representatives J. P. SANDERS, JAMES TERWILLIGER and others, I visited Samaritan Lodge, No. 93, at Albany, and had the pleasure of addressing the members of the Order who were present. On the 16th day of August, I was kindly welcomed to the Grand Lodge of Northern New York, by Grand Master CLARK, and received with every possible mark of regard. On the following morning I installed the newly elected Grand Officers, and addressed the members of the Grand Lodge. During the afternoon, with the assistance of Grand Representative SANDERS, I gave the instructions in the "work" of the Order, and in the evening delivered a public address in Anthony Hall on the principles and purposes of Odd-Fellowship.

The officers and members of the Grand Lodge of Northern New York vied with each other in their efforts to render my official visit a personal pleasure, in which they entirely succeeded. For the unceasing and unsparing attentions that were showered upon me, from the time of my arrival in New York until the last fraternal hand was shaken on my return, it is but proper that I should thus formally express my hearty appreciation, and send out as an acknowledgment my heartfelt thanks.

In addition to the above, I have visited a number of the Subordinate Lodges in New Jersey and Pennsylvania, for the purpose of addressing the members, installing the officers, or conferring the degree of Rebekah. To enumerate the main incidents of these visitations would occupy considerable space, but a brief mention of the visits to Protection Lodge, No. 28, of Newark, New Jersey, is justly due to the members of that enterprising Lodge, and to my own feelings. My first visit was made on the evening of the 21st day of September, 1863, when I was introduced to the Lodge by the Right Worthy Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge of New Jersey, JOHN W. ORR. The communion I then enjoyed with the intelligent and zealous members of Protection Lodge had a sensible influence in quickening my energies and animating my labors during the past year. On the evening of the 21st day of March, 1864, I participated in a social re-union of the members of Protection Lodge, with their families and friends. This social gathering was characterized by refinement and high social culture, admirable adjuncts to the elevating influences of our ritual. On the following evening I delivered a public address in honor of the nineteenth anniversary of Protection Lodge, in the Broadway Methodist Church. The evening of the 13th day of May

found me again in the Lodge Room of No. 28, of New Jersey, for the purpose of receiving from the members of the Lodge, through the hands of Past Grand JOSEPH A. HALLOCK, a substantial token of their regard, in the form of a magnificent gold medal. To Past Grand Master JAMES D. CLEAVER, and Past Grand BAILEY B. DOUGLAS, the officers and members of Protection Lodge, I am under the deepest obligations.

On my way to the meeting of the Grand Lodge I stopped with the brethren of New Haven, Connecticut, on the 16th of September, and met with a most cordial and hearty greeting. In the evening I addressed an immense audience in the Music Hall, upon the principles of the Order. To Past Grand Representatives THOMAS, POND, HOLLIS and HARRIS, as well as to the brethren generally, my hearty acknowledgments are due.

Upon the following evening, I visited the brethren of Providence, Rhode Island, and addressed the members of the Order. The occasion was one of deep interest. A cordial interchange of the fraternal courtesies of the Order took place. To Grand Representatives DRISCOLL and WOOD, and to the Grand Master, Brother CHARLES G. COLE, my thanks are especially due, but if I were to name all whom I desire to thank for kindly attentions, it would include the major portion of the brothers of Providence.

In this necessarily condensed narrative of my official visitations, injustice is done to many brethren, whose kind offices deserve special notice, but an apology must be found in the fact of their numbers. To merely enumerate them, and allude to their acts of kindness, would occupy more space than can be devoted to the subject in this report. Suffice it for me to assure you that the active, working members of the Order everywhere thought no trouble too great that would enable them to manifest their good-will toward the Executive head of the Order that they love so well.

My visits to the two jurisdictions in the State of New York made me acquainted with a strong and very general desire on the part of the brethren to remove the great hindrance to their prosperity—the division of the Order in New York. I gave to this laudable desire all the strength of my personal influence, and I am happy to be able to announce that the Grand Lodges of Southern and Northern New York have appointed committees to confer together, in order to arrange the details of the Union of the two Grand Lodges. The Union may be delayed for a time by those who cling to the recollections of the past, but the vast majority of the Order are strangers to those feelings. The Union will eventually be consummated, and the Right Worthy Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary may hereafter be enabled to repeat, with new force, the words he used some years since, when he spoke of the jurisdiction of New York as "the Empire State in our Order"—a declaration, as an evidence of revival, that will be hailed with joy by the fraternity.

Representatives, HOPE bends lovingly towards you as she points to the future; FAITH, with clear eyes, as she scans the horizon, never looked firmer than now; whilst, supreme above all, CHARITY, with her angel face, smiles the triumph that awaits you, if but dutiful and faithful to her high behests. A great brotherhood, scattered over a continent and even dwellers upon the isles of the sea, annually await the results of your deliberations. Nay, for weal or wo, the human race will be affected, immediately or remotely, by your actions. You meet to promote the welfare of your fellow-men. Assert, therefore, by word and deed, not only during this session, but during your lives, that "LOVE is the grand remedy for all social evils." Plant yourselves firmly on that great truth. Let no influence drive you from that impregnable position. Stand up for HUMANITY. Let hand grasp hand with fraternal warmth: from heart and soul let there be poured forth an overwhelming tide of affection for the great principles that underlie our organization, that in the ocean of LOVE thus created everything shall be submerged except the now mighty structure of Odd-Fellowship, whose apex is towering toward the skies, and whose inscriptions, golden as they are, will shine like characters of living light, sending joy to the heart, and penetrating down through the avenues of time, cheering millions, who will rejoice, as we do this day, in the UNITY OF THE BROTHERHOOD.

JAMES B. NICHOLSON, *Grand Sire*.

The report having been read, on motion of Rep. DAVIES, of Southern New York, it was referred to a committee of three, for the purpose of distributing to appropriate committees the several subjects therein referred to.

The Chair named Reps. DAVIES, of Southern New York, MANTZ, of Maryland, and JONES, of Massachusetts, as the committee.

The R. W. Grand Corresponding Secretary submitted his annual report, as follows:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The undersigned respectfully submits, as directed by law, the Annual Report of the R. W. Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary.

The following resolutions detail the duties devolved upon him to be performed during the recess:

1. *Resolved*, That the R. W. Grand Secretary cause to be printed five hundred copies of the daily Journal, for the use of the Grand Representatives at the present session, and that ten copies of the revised Journal be printed and furnished each member, after the adjournment, for distribution.

2. *Resolved*, That the Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary be instructed to furnish the members of the R. W. Grand Lodge with the first, second, and third volumes of the Journal of Proceedings immediately, and also transmit to them the fourth volume as soon as issued, and that each Representative receipt for the same.

3. *Resolved*, That the R. W. Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary be and is hereby authorized to contract with Brother JAMES YOUNG, of the city of Baltimore, for the printing of the Journal of Proceedings of the present session, in accordance with his proposals herewith submitted, and marked "accepted."

4. *Resolved*, That in view of the momentary calamity of the Grand Lodge of Kansas, whereby that Grand Body recently lost the total amount of its funds, the careful husbanding of the past five years, during the raid upon Lawrence, when the Grand Treasurer was killed and all his money carried away, the R. W. Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary is hereby authorized to settle by note the Representative tax due from said Grand Lodge for the next year, should that body officially request it.

5. *Resolved*, That the R. W. Grand Corresponding Secretary be instructed to have the Revised Digest printed and bound in the same style and size of the new edition of the Revised Journal, and that the price for the same be fixed at one dollar each copy.

6. *Resolved*, That the R. W. Grand Secretary be instructed to have bound as soon as practicable all the copies of volumes of the new edition of the Revised Journal in the same style and size of those already bound.

7. *Resolved*, That the R. W. Grand Secretary be and is hereby instructed to communicate with D. D. Grand Sire MITCHELL, of Vermont, and ascertain, if practicable, what amounts of money have been expended by the Grand Lodge of Vermont in defending the laws of the Order, and when such expenses were incurred.

8. *Resolved*, That the Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary be directed to forward to each of the Representatives the balance of reports and Journals due them under resolutions passed at this session.

9. *Resolved*, That the R. W. Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary be authorized to transport to Boston, if necessary, such books, papers, and furniture as shall be essential to the use and convenience of the members of the next session of this Grand Body.

10. *Resolved*, That, four weeks previous to the holding of any session of this Grand Lodge, it shall be the duty of the Grand Secretary, through one daily paper of the city in which such session is held, to invite proposals for the printing of the Journal of this Body, the printer to furnish the necessary paper, and to stitch and to cover the Journal, ready for distribution—the printing to be done according to the style of the revised Journal, and the matter to be stereotyped and the plates to be delivered to the Grand Secretary in good order, as the property of the Grand Lodge of the United States, as soon as a sufficient number of copies are struck off to meet the purposes of the law requiring the distribution of the proceedings, which number the Grand Secretary must state, as near as practicable, in the advertisement. And such proposals for the said work as may be received shall be filed away by the Grand Secretary, with their seals unbroken, until twelve o'clock noon of the first day of the session therein designated, after which time no more proposals shall be received, and such as shall have been received shall be placed in the hands of the Committee on Printing, to be by them opened, examined, and decided upon.

11. *Resolved*, That in future the Grand Secretary be directed to advertise for proposals to print the Daily Journal, not to exceed 500 copies daily, as directed by the 28th By-Law for printing the Revised Journal, and the said proposals be required to be handed in to the Grand Secretary at least ten days previous to the meeting of the Grand Lodge, and the same to be opened by the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer, who shall award the contract to the lowest and most reasonable bidder.

The first resolution has been carried into effect.

In conformity to the second resolution, the four volumes of the new edition of the Journal have been delivered to the Grand Representatives of the last session, and their receipt has been taken therefor.

As directed by the third resolution the Corresponding Secretary entered into a written contract with Brother James Young for printing the Revised Journal of Proceedings of the last session, in accordance with his proposal, and he begs to report that the contract was satisfactorily performed, the work received within the proper time, and was distributed as provided by law.

No application has been made under the fourth resolution by the Grand Lodge of Kansas for the benefit of the privileges therein conferred.

The fifth resolution has not been complied with, for the reason that the Digest has not yet been completed by Brother P. G. Rep. Ellis, of Maryland, who is engaged in its preparation. I may state, however, in this connexion, that this work is being printed, as fast as the copy is received by the printer, and is in an advanced state, and may be reasonably expected during the current month.

Touching the sixth resolution, I beg to say that soon after the close of the last session the Corresponding Secretary addressed a communication to P. D. D. G S. James Mitchell, of the jurisdiction of Vermont, asking the information suggested by the resolution of last session, viz: "what amount of money had been expended by the Grand Lodge of the State in defending the laws of the Order, and when such expenses were incurred." To this communication no reply was received; when again on the 10th day of August last, Brother Mitchell was addressed by letter on the subject, to which communication I had the pleasure of receiving an answer on the 16th August, 1864, from which I learn that my first communication had not been received. Brother Mitchell informed me that he would at once set about collecting the facts and would cause them to be in hand before or during the annual session.

9th. Advices from the Brethren in Boston assuring me of their entire ability to provide all furniture necessary for the accommodation and use of the Representatives at the session to be held in that city having been received, no necessity has arisen to transport any property of that description.

The tenth resolution has been carried into effect by advertisement published in the Traveller, of Boston, a copy of which is herewith submitted.

The eleventh resolution, by reason of the necessity of putting this Report to press at an earlier period than usual, cannot at this time be referred to.

The Journals of Proceedings of the several State Jurisdictions have been received, as follows:

GRAND LODGES.

Pennsylvania, from March 1863 to May 1864, pamphlet.
California, Annual, May 1864, pamphlet.
Missouri, Annual, May 1864, pamphlet.
Delaware, from January 1862 to January 1864, pamphlet.
District of Columbia, year 1863, pamphlet.
Kentucky, year 1863, bound copy.
Wisconsin, January 1864, pamphlet.
Illinois, October 1863, pamphlet.
Massachusetts, February 1864, pamphlet.
New Jersey, November 1863, pamphlet
Oregon, May 1863, pamphlet.
Indiana, November 1863, pamphlet.
Iowa, October 1863, pamphlet.
Canada West, August 1863, pamphlet.
Northern New York, August 1863, pamphlet.
Kansas, October 1863, pamphlet.
Maryland, April 1864, pamphlet.
New Hampshire.

GRAND ENCAMPMENTS.

Maryland, 1864, pamphlet.
Iowa, October 1863, pamphlet.
Indiana, November 1863, pamphlet.
Ohio, May 1863 and 1864, pamphlet
New Jersey, October 1863, pamphlet.
Kentucky, October 1863, bound copy.
Pennsylvania, 1863 and 1864, pamphlet.
California, 1864, pamphlet.
Massachusetts, February 1864, pamphlet.
Northern New York.

It will be perceived that, of the Grand Lodges with which we are in communication, the following have not transmitted their Proceedings, or, if transmitted, they have not been received:

Southern New York, Connecticut, Tennessee, Ohio, Maine, Rhode Island, Minnesota, Lower Provinces British North America, Nebraska.

And of the Grand Encampments, the following have not been received:

Connecticut, Maine, New Hampshire, Missouri, District of Columbia, Michigan, Tennessee, Wisconsin, Rhode Island, Illinois, and that the appeal made from year to year by the Corresponding Secretary in his Annual Reports for these returns has not been so fully appreciated as could be desired. It is to be hoped that further default in this particular may be avoided.

The Corresponding Secretary presents the following summary of the condition and progress of the Order during the past year, derived from the correspondence of his office, and the annual returns in hand at the time of the preparation of this Report:

Australia.—No information has been received as to the progress made in introducing American Odd-Fellowship in this distant country.

Canada West.—The information from this jurisdiction is highly gratifying. Grand Secretary RICHARD WIGMORE addresses me under date August 14th, 1864, as follows:

"The Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Canada West, I. O. O. F., in submitting the Annual Report of its working, desires thankfully to record his gratitude to Almighty God for the large success which has accompanied its efforts during the past year.

"The annual meeting of the Grand Lodge in the city of London, Canada West, was a great success. The brethren poured forth the utterances of free hearts at the prosperity of our time-honored and noble Order. Never was there a Grand

Session more marked, and more full of gladsome anticipation for the future of Odd-Fellowship, and never was there more hallowed enjoyments, or more perfect unanimity. Like the Apostles, we were all of one heart and one mind, each and all steadily fixed in purpose, under God, to work for the good cause. We deeply sympathize with our brethren of the United States in the trials which surround them."

Lower Provinces of British North America.—I regret to say that I have not yet received the Annual Report from this Jurisdiction. No correspondence whatever has been had with that section during the year.

Michigan.—The Annual Report of this Grand Lodge was received on the 14th August, 1864, transmitted with the usual promptitude of the very able Grand Secretray, Brother VERNOR. He writes as follows:

"It gives me great pleasure to state that the year just closing has been the most prosperous that the Order in this State has ever known—we never had so many initiations and so few suspensions in any one year. To our mutual friend, that enthusiastic and faithful Odd-Fellow, our present Grand Master, B. W. DENNIS, is largely, if not entirely, due the credit for this. He has literally worn himself out in the service, having visited most all the Lodges on the lower peninsula, and is now sick at home, but he writes me that he will be on hand at your annual session, and he will be well supported."

Maine.—Brother E. P. BANKS, the valued Grand Secretary of this State, in transmitting his Report writes as follows:

"The Order in Maine assumes about the same aspect as it has for a number of years last past. In some localities, as in this city for instance, there is considerable interest and work done, but in the country Lodges there is no special effort making to increase their numbers. The State of Maine has a large territory, and but few of our country Lodges are situated on our lines of railroad; hence the difficulty of visiting them by the Grand Master or other Grand officers is very great. An earnest debate occurred at our last Grand Lodge session, August 9th, 1864, upon the question 'What can be done to benefit and revive the Order in Maine?' The result was a vote to change the place of meeting of the Grand Lodge next year from Portland to Saco, hoping that the effect upon the Lodge there would be beneficial. If it should prove so, some other place will be fixed upon for meeting the year following. Quite a large number of diplomas has been disposed of the past year, owing chiefly to the efforts of a brother who takes a deep interest in the Order."

Massachusetts.—From this jurisdiction I am in receipt of the Annual Report of the Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment, in forwarding which the very prompt and efficient Grand Secretary and Grand Scribe, Brother CHAS. D. COLE, writes as follows:

"I am enabled at this time to report that the interest which has been manifested in the Order in this State for the two or three past years is still on the increase. Reports from the Subordinates (with a very few exceptions) show handsome gains the past year, with very flattering prospects for the future. The best of good feeling prevails among the members and in the Lodges.

"The Patriarchal branch is still on the increase; one new Encampament was chartered at the last session of the Grand Encampment."

New Hampshire.—There has been an increase of Lodges and initiations during the year, as compared with the last Annual Report, and also a large membership reported, so that, in the absence of more particular information, the Order may be considered in an improving condition in this State.

Vermont.—The Order in this State continues to be feeble. Brother JAMES MITCHELL, the D. D. Grand Sire, writes me, under date of the 15th August, that its condition has not improved since his report of last year; but four or five Lodges remain in this State, of which number Green Mountain, No. 1, is represented to be in a sound and healthy condition. I have the pleasure to annex a more recent communication from D. D. Grand Sire JAMES MITCHELL, of the following tenor, under date of May 27, 1864:

"Our Grand Lodge held its Annual Session on the 24th instant. The attendance was much larger than usual for a few years past, and the meeting was one of great interest to all present. To test the feelings of the members present

a resolution was introduced to surrender the charter, which called out a friendly discussion of our circumstances, and so strong an expression of attachment to our beloved Order that the resolution was withdrawn. The usual business was transacted, the new officers elected and installed.

"Near the close of the meeting a resolution was adopted appointing a *delegate* to attend the next session of the Grand Lodge of the United States to represent our situation, to answer such inquiries as might be made, and to ask the advice and direction of the Grand Lodge in regard to our future course.

"The law suit against the Order in this State was settled by compromise in 1854, involving a cost from first to last of more than $500. The above, I believe, answers the inquiry made by the Grand Lodge."

Rhode Island.—Brother DRISCOLL, the attentive Grand Secretary of this State, writes under date of 5th September, 1864, accompanying the Annual Report, as follows:

"The Order in this State has gained the past year, and has the appearance of again resuming its former position. One Lodge that relinquished its charter has made the preliminary arrangements to reorganize, and I feel confident that we have now passed the crisis and shall soon show quite a large gain.

"We still continue to visit 'Portsmouth Grove Hospital' and to carry out the principles of our Order, visiting the sick and burying the dead. A large amount of time and money has been expended in this department, besides luxuries that the Daughters of Rebekah have contributed for the sick. The number has been much smaller than last year, and the work has been more systematically carried out, which would naturally be the result of the two years' experience.

"The Patriarchal Branch of our Order is in a more flourishing condition than for years; numbers are being reinstated, and since July 1 ten have taken the Royal Purple degree in one Camp alone. This I believe gives you the general knowledge of our State."

Southern New York.—The Report of this Grand Lodge was received on the 22d August, from the efficient Grand Secretary, D. W. L. LANGDON, upon examination of which, as compared with past years, a decided improvement in the condition of the Order appears.

The Report of the Grand Encampment has been received, transmitted by the Worthy Grand Scribe, Brother J. I. DAVIES, in due time.

Northern New York.—From the veteran G. Sec., Bro. W. H. H. PRALL, of this jurisdiction, I have a communication dated September 6, 1864, informing me that the Annual Report is *in transitu*, and that it may be possibly delayed, awaiting the official signature of the Grand Master; meanwhile he transmits the following statement, accompanied with an abstract of the contents of the Report:

"The jurisdiction has not deteriorated in membership since making the last report, and although no new Lodges have been created, it is certainly encouraging when our older Lodges are initiating from fifteen to thirty per annum, with good attendance at Lodge meetings, the newer ones of course acting in like proportion. When this war is over I trust that the Banner of Excelsior will again float over our beloved Order, and perhaps ere that event the Empire State in the matter of Odd-Fellowship will be again one and forever. Committees have been appointed on the part of both jurisdictions to promote this object.

Initiations	511
Rejections	48
Admission by card	34
Withdrawn by card	61
Reinstatements	97
Suspensions	341
Expulsions	4
Deaths	59
Past Grands	1786
Membership	5129
Number of brothers relieved	330
No. of widowed families relieved	60

Amount paid for relief of brothers	$5,241 79
" " " " widowed families	1,186 30
" " " education of orphans	118 78
" " " burying the dead	1,595 20
Total relief	$8,142 08
Annual Receipt of Lodges	$25,007 74

The Report of the R. W. Grand Encampment is received, accompanying which, Brother W. P. CARPENTER, the R. Grand Scribe, writes as follows:

"It gives me pleasure to state to you that the Encampment branch in our jurisdiction is once again in a flourishing condition. You will perceive by comparison of the Reports of 1863 and 1864 that there has been an increase of membership of one hundred and thirty-four members during the current year. The number of Encampments now reported are those in actual working condition. I hope that we may continue to 'go on' until we shall regain our former standing in the union of Odd-Fellowship."

New Jersey.—The following interesting communication from Grand Secretary JOHN O. RAUM very satisfactorily details the condition of the Order in this jurisdiction:

"We have had an unusual revival in our Order throughout the State the last year, and our increase has been greater than for a number of preceding years, and many of our Lodges have received a large increase in their membership of substantial men, who are an honor to any Order, or in any position in life.

"The principles of Odd-Fellowship are being felt and appreciated throughout our borders, and worthy men are flocking into our Lodges.

"Our Order has never been in a more healthy condition than at present, and we feel buoyed up and encouraged to new exertions to bring our principles home to the minds and consciences of every man in our State, by public meetings and Lodge Anniversaries, where the divine principles of our Order are expounded by able and competent lecturers. By this means great good has been accomplished, by bringing the principles of our Order before the people, and many worthy men, who never gave the thing a thought before, have been induced to reason with themselves upon the subject, and have finally united with our Order, some of whom have made bright and intelligent Odd-Fellows. We feel highly encouraged for the future of our Order in this State, and trust the same ratio of increase may go on from year to year."

The efficient Grand Scribe, Brother DANIEL T. CLARK, of the Grand Encampment, accompanying the Annual Report, writes under date of August 13, 1864, as follows:

"The Annual Report of work and relief shows an increase of membership of one hundred. The amount paid for relief is small, but this may be caused by the feeling (which is increasing) that the Encampments shall not be considered purely beneficial. Many of the Encampments in this State pay to members merely nominal benefits in cases of sickness, and consequently require a smaller rate of dues. So far as my information extends, the Order 'holds its own,' and in some districts is increasing favorably."

Pennsylvania.—The annual return from this State is of the most gratifying character, showing as it does, amid all the difficulties which afflict the country, that the spirit and zeal of the Brotherhood does not abate, but in spite of these obstacles perseveres in the great mission of humanity in which it is engaged The Annual Report shows that four thousand and fifty-four members have been initiated during the year. Advices from the veteran and esteemed Grand Secretary and Grand Scribe, Brother WM. CURTIS, under date of July 28, present the following interesting account of the condition and progress of the Order in Pennsylvania:

"I send you for the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States the Annual Report from this jurisdiction, and refer to it with pleasure and with pride because we know that one hundred and thirty-two thousand dollars spent during the past year has lightened the care and soothed the sorrow of many a household where, if it had not been, want, poverty, and distress would no doubt have had

full sway. We have reason to be thankful that amid all the desolation and sorrow throughout our beloved country, the Order in this jurisdiction has increased in membership over nineteen hundred, and that our funds have been amply sufficient to meet all cases of distress among our brethren. Thus we trust it may ever be, and ere long we will be able to say to you that our State numbers its members by its fifty or one hundred thousand."

District of Columbia.—The Order in the District prospers. Brother P. H SWEET, the attentive Grand Secretary, has transmitted his Annual Report promptly, and accompanies it with the following interesting statement:

"Herewith I send you the Annual Report of the Grand Lodge of this District for the year ending June 30, 1864, and it is with feelings of the highest gratification that I am enabled to state the rapid, healthful, and cheering advancement of the Order in the District. I believe this glorious institution of ours (associated as it is with Christianity) must ultimately encircle the whole family of man in Friendship, Love, and Truth. Long may the Order be distinguished for the practice of its every principle, and the life of every member be a living witness of its truth and power!"

I have also the following gratifying communication from Patriarch J. C. C. WHALEY, the Worthy Grand Scribe of the Grand Encampment of the District of Columbia:

"In communicating my Report, it becomes my gratifying duty to bear testimony to the unexampled progress of the Encampment branch of our Order in the District of Columbia. By reference to the last Annual Report it will be seen that our receipts for this year have nearly doubled, and that the number of initiations has been at least three times as many; and this increase has been very well distributed between the respective Encampments, each one having had an increase of business above what it did the previous year. That the elevating and purifying principles of Odd-Fellowship may thus continue to spread throughout the land is a source of pleasure and profit not only to the Order at large and its individual members, but also to the great mass of mankind; for just in proportion as men are brought within the circle of our Order, and made to feel the chastening influences of Friendship, Love, and Truth, and are guided by the lights of Christianity, do they become exalted in the scale of humanity, and give increased dignity and character to society by the exercise of its beneficent principles. Onward, still onward may its march ever be, until sorrow and suffering are known no more, and man shall be joined to his fellow-man by the indissoluble chain of our heaven-blessed, glorious Order."

Delaware.—From Delaware the most satisfactory report has been received. As compared with the past year the increase of initiations and membership exceeds that of the former year; the latter now exceeding seventeen hundred. In the amount of relief afforded the increase over past years has been large. The efficient and attentive Grand Secretary, Brother G. M'INTYRE, writes, accompanying his report, "that the Order in Delaware, notwithstanding the unhappy affairs of our country, during the past year, is in a very prosperous condition."

Maryland.—The much esteemed Grand Secretary of this Grand Lodge, Bro. J. B. ESCAVAILLE, writes as follows:

"Herewith I have the honor to submit the Annual Report of the R. W. Grand Lodge of Maryland for the year ending June 30, 1864.

"Odd-Fellowship, in its essential character, is as truly illustrated in this ancient jurisdiction as it has ever been. Never in its history has there offered greater opportunity for that illustration than in the sad and soul-trying circumstances of the past three years, and as often as the voice of woe and the cry of anguish has called, we have the consolation of feeling that the call has not been made in vain.

"A glance at the results of the past year will satisfy the inquirer that our membership has increased nearly two hundred since our last report, and that the application of our means to the ends and objects we propose to accomplish in the fabric of human society has been wise and prudent. It will be seen that the sum total of Lodge receipts amounts to $84,762 94—which is an excess over last year of *more than ten thousand dollars*. We have not neglected or forgotten 'the weightier matters of the law,' for we have exemplified our 'judgment, mercy,

and faith,' in the disbursement of $61,797 14 in the relief of the sick, distressed, and in the burial of the dead; exceeding the previous year's relief by *more than five thousand dollars.*

"We have many flourishing libraries, and one indeed in the city of Baltimore of colossal proportions, the reading membership of which city took during the past year from its shelves near 24,000 volumes!"

During the past year death has removed from the midst of the brotherhood in Maryland Brother Wm. H. Young, the R. W. D. Grand Sire of the United States, and a P. G. Rep. of that State in the Grand Lodge of the United States. The loss to the Order at large in this demise will be felt and appreciated by all whose fortune it was to have been familiar with Brother Young's able and continuous exertions in its behalf, and with his generous and kindly nature.

Missouri.—I have great pleasure in submitting the subjoined statement of the condition of the Order in this jurisdiction, from the very efficient Grand Secretary Brother Archer, under date of August 12, 1864. Brother Archer remarks as follows:

"In transmitting the Annual Report of this jurisdiction, I take pleasure in saying that notwithstanding the depressing influences consequent upon a continual and disastrous civil strife on our borders, yet the Order in Missouri is comparatively vigorous and prosperous. Our numerical strength is largely in advance of the previous year and the revenue exhibits an increase of nearly fifty per cent. for the corresponding time. Amid the calamities of the past there is much to encourage us in the future. The renewed zeal and devotion to the Order which is being manifested gives promise of happy results, and we are led to hope that Odd-Fellowship in Missouri will ere long resume its former position of prosperity and usefulness."

From the Patriarchal Branch of the State, I have the following Report from Brother John Libby, the worthy Grand Scribe:

"With this I send you the best report that I am able to make from the material at my command. Nine only of the twenty-three Encampments have made any reports for the last year.

"These nine subordinates represent the *working* force of this branch of the Order in the State at the present time. Probably not more than ten or twelve Encampments in this State will outlive the calamities which the war has inflicted upon our State, and these have greatly suffered—so that our report is a very meagre one. It is, however, a truthful exhibit of the condition of our unfortunate State so far as the interests of the Encampments are concerned."

Illinois.—Grand Secretary, Brother James E. Starr, among the most valued Grand Officers in the Order, transmitted the Annual Report of Illinois on 31st August, 1864. An analysis of that Report shows that the jurisdiction is rapidly advancing in strength and power in every department in the Order. The increase of the past year over the years 1862–3 is as follows: of Lodges, ten—of initiations, over five hundred—of membership, over five hundred—of relief afforded, nearly three thousand dollars—and of general revenue, over two thousand dollars. The number of Lodges reported is two hundred and forty-six, and of membership six thousand five hundred.

Connecticut.—The very attentive and able R. W. Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Connecticut, Brother L. A. Thomas, in transmitting the Annual Report, writes as follows:

"We have made little gain this year, but there is a firmer and more confident feeling among the Brotherhood. Two Lodges have been resuscitated,—visiting among the Lodges has been greatly increased, and a hopeful feeling pervades that the good time is coming."

Indiana.—This great jurisdiction in our Order continues in its onward progress of success and prosperity. The much valued and able Grand Secretary, Brother E. H. Barry, has delivered his Annual Report with his characteristic dispatch and punctuality, and cheers the Brotherhood with the following eloquent narrative of the condition and prosperity of Odd-Fellowship in that jurisdiction. He remarks:

"In consequence of a change in the close of the terms of our Subordinates from June and December to March and September, I can give our statistics only

to December last, as the present term was extended to September next, and there were no reports for the six months ending June. But accounts from all the Lodges and Encampments represent the Order in this jurisdiction in a more prosperous and promising condition than it has been at any period of its existence. Our 'deeds of good and errands of mercy' are seen and read of all. Our Brotherhood evinces a determination to extend the blessings of our Order, and make it successful in the accomplishment of those exalted purposes contemplated by its benevolent and charitable teachings. Odd-Fellowship in this State must and will flourish. Its members believe it is a great error to suppose that renown is to be won only in the forum, the senate chamber, or the battle-field. They feel that he who saves from suffering a single fellow-man has a brighter chaplet than is worn by the bravest hero."

"The drying up a single tear has more
Of honest fame than shedding seas of gore."

Ohio.—Brother Wm. C. Earl, the very efficient Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Ohio, has transmitted the annual return, but, in consequence of severe indisposition, has not been able to supply his usual summary of the condition of the Order in Ohio. The returns, however, show a gratifying improvement in the Order, and, as compared with the last year, there has been an increase of membership.

Kentucky.—Advices from the very attentive and efficient Grand Secretary and Grand Scribe of this jurisdiction, Brother Wm. White, under date of 16th August, 1864, present a very gratifying exhibit of the state of our Order in Kentucky. Brother White writes as follows:

"As I anticipated (in submitting my last report) the returns from the Subordinates in both branches of the Order, as far as they have been received, show that the Order in this jurisdiction is still on the advance; the most of the Lodges and Encampments have been actively at work during the year, and the returns show a large increase in membership and revenue. The actual gain in membership to the Lodges for the year is two hundred and twenty-nine, which is an increase of ninety-three per cent., and the gain to the Encampments forty, which is equal to thirty-nine per cent. The annual receipts of the Subordinate Lodges exceed those of the last year $7,694.40, and those of the Subordinate Encampments $693.78, which is an increase for the Lodges of fifty-five per cent., and for the Encampments thirty-two per cent.

"Although we have not added to the number of Subordinate Lodges and Encampments, but have sustained a slight loss in both, I am gratified to say that at no period has the Order in this jurisdiction seemed to be more prosperous, or manifest a greater interest than at the present. Notwithstanding war with its ravages rages without, fraternal peace and quiet is felt and enjoyed within the sacred retreat of our Lodge rooms."

Tennessee.—The Annual Reports of Tennessee, as well of the Grand Lodge as of the Grand Encampment, have been received. R. W. Grand Rep. Farnsworth, of this jurisdiction, continues to be a valued and regular correspondent of the Grand Secretary, and as heretofore perseveres in his untiring efforts and zeal to bring together the scattered membership of our Order in the State. This worthy brother writes as follows, as late as 15th August, 1864:

"I have not much to say of interest. We are doing all for the Order in this jurisdiction we can. The Lodges that have been working are doing well, which would be true if they only continued to meet and done nothing more. There are so many obstacles in the way that it is almost impossible to reorganize most of the Lodges in the State, the country is so overrun with guerrillas they *cannot* meet; but the spirit, the feeling is all about, the members are hoping, praying for the time to arrive when they can meet in Lodge capacity, and aid in the great work whose progress and advancement they are watching with more than ordinary interest. Such as do meet and work, do it well and truly, and because they delight to take part in this our great work of humanity. We will yet, I trust, have an opportunity to present to the Order such an exhibition of Odd-Fellowship as I feel sure will establish for Tennessee all I claim for her. For,

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Brother RIDGELY, I tell you, there is no State in this Union where the seeds of our Order are sown to more purpose, and more realization of good fruits in future than in Tennessee. We may be kept down, our lights hidden, our works kept from view, and our efforts perhaps unappreciated for a time, but the time will come when the Odd-Fellowship of Tennessee will at least be recognised as of old."

Wisconsin.—The Annual Reports of this jurisdiction have been received from the Worthy Grand Secretary and Grand Scribe, Brother L. B. HILLS, from whom I learn, by his favor dated August 10, 1864, that

"A comparison with previous returns exhibits an increase of revenue, which is a sure index of increase of interest.

"The addition of sixteen Lodges whose reports are not yet received would increase the total at least one-fourth. We feel that this great increase of interest and prosperity of the Order in this jurisdiction is mainly due to the visit and the efforts of the M. W. Grand Sire at the last session of our Grand Lodge, although it might have seemed to him like 'casting bread upon the waters.'"

Iowa.—From the very esteemed Grand Secretary and Grand Scribe of this jurisdiction, Brother W. GARRETT, I have received with his accustomed promptitude the annual reports of the Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment of the State, accompanying which, under date of August 22, 1864, he writes me:

"That the Grand Lodge has lost eight Lodges during the year, and I think we will lose as many this year, but we have gained in membership, in receipts, and have paid more relief than last year, and I think the Order in Iowa will continue to increase."

California.—The Annual Returns of the Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment of this State have been received from the very valued and esteemed Grand Secretary and Grand Scribe, Brother T. ROGERS JOHNSON, under date August 13, 1864. From these reports it is truly cheering to behold the continued advance of this great jurisdiction in strength and power. Bro. JOHNSON writes of the progress of the Order in California in the following gratifying language:

"You will, on examining our report, perceive that California is beginning to show her age in the dropping from our list of Lodges some dead branches. Since my last report to you, four Lodges have surrendered their charters, and one Encampment. We overbalance this falling off, however, by an addition of twelve Lodges and two Encampments, including Excelsior Lodge, No. 1, Sandwich Islands. The last named Lodge has informed me that they have made returns to you for last term; consequently, the report does not appear in the returns of Grand Lodge of California.

"Bro. RIDGELY, I do not desire to impress you with the idea that our jurisdiction is growing feeble in this twelfth year of her age. Some children are born sickly, and that appears to be the case in these above mentioned. Our population is somewhat inclined to *keep moving*. Every new discovery of a gold field induces members to leave their old homes and try for something better in the new discovered country; whole towns are sometimes depopulated by this exodus, and old Lodges die and new ones organize. I do not think that our jurisdiction will for several years be much larger than at this time. Nevada Territory is now the most flourishing of all our jurisdiction. I, a few weeks since, visited Virginia City, N. T., and instituted Pioneer Encampment, No. 1, N. T., of said town. The prospects for the future are exceedingly good; the Order in fact is, I think, doing better work and in a more prosperous condition than any other location in our distressed country. There are nine Lodges in Nevada Territory, all doing well. Wildey Lodge, No 1, at Gold Hill, has built a hall at a cost of $40,000, Dayton, No. 5, has one which cost $25,000, and Virginia City Lodge, Nos. 3 and 7, have just purchased a hall, at a cost, with improvements, of about $50,000, half of which has been paid for. I also report that the jurisdiction has extended over Vancouver's Island, we having organized one Lodge in the town of Victoria. It has good prospects.

"Ellison Encampment, No. 1, Oregon, has been admitted into our fold, and her returns are embraced with other Encampments comprising the jurisdiction of California. We have also instituted an Encampment at Salem, Oregon, which, from indications, will be more prosperous than No. 1, at Portland.

"California is progressing. You will see by examining returns, 125 Lodges,

with a membership of 6,925 members, a revenue of $182.283.59, and property worth $329,051.00.

"The above embraces reports from 120 Lodges, five Lodges not liable to report, not being yet three months in existence."

Minnesota.—The Report of this Grand Lodge shows a slight increase of the Order, and a general condition of prosperity.

Oregon.—The R. W. Grand Secretary, Bro. CHESTER N. TERRY, of this Grand Body, advises me, in transmitting the Annual Report, that "it will be seen by the report that we are still on the increase. The past year has been a prosperous one for this jurisdiction, and the present bids fair for a still larger increase. I would have been pleased to have had my report to you at an early date, but the subordinates have been slow in transmitting their reports."

Kansas.—The R. W. Grand Secretary, SAMUEL F. BURDETT, has transmitted the Annual Report of this State in good season. I learn from Bro. BURDETT, under date of August 13, 1864, as follows:

"As to the condition of the Order in Kansas, I am sorry to say there is but little improvement since my last annual report. The number of Lodges is the same; the initiatons, admissions by card, &c. differ but slightly. The annual receipts are less by about $400, while the total amount paid for relief exceeds that of last year by $150.00. This, in addition to the fact that the Lodges generally are in a healthy condition, no appeals or controversies of any kind to disturb the harmony or hinder the progress of the work of 'Benevolence and Peace,' proves that when the nation is restored to its wonted peace, prosperity will again attend our efforts."

D. D. Grand Sire, J. C. HEMINGRAY, writes under date of August 12, in transmitting his Report of the Patriarchal Branch of the Order, that—

"The Order here, generally, is in a healthy condition. The Camp grows steadily, as you may perceive by our reports. We now have a very efficient working force."

Nebraska.—The annual report from the Grand Lodge of Nebraska indicates an improved condition of Lodges and work. One new Lodge has been formed during the year, and a moderate addition has been made to the membership. There are now six working Lodges in the State, with an aggregate membership of two hundred and thirty. The reports of Ridgely Encampment, No. 1, for terms ending December 31, 1863, and July 30, 1864, have been received.

Sandwich Islands.—My advices from this distant jurisdiction are up to July 7, 1864, from W. C. PARK, D. D. Grand Sire, accompanying which he transmitted the semi-annual return of Excelsior Lodge for term ending June 30, 1864, with the amount of dues thereon. The Lodge is in a prosperous condition. At the last session of the Grand Lodge of the United States authority was given to that Lodge, in its discretion, to place itself under the immediate jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of California. Information from the Lodge received during the spring of 1864 was received, declining the transfer of jurisdiction authorized; but more recently the Lodge has reconsidered its action, and by resolution consented to place itself under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of California. There remains some outstanding unsettled accounts with the Grand Lodge of the United States, which it is suggested should be first adjusted before this transfer is confirmed. There can be scarcely any doubt that great good will enure to the Lodge itself and to the Order generally from this procedure.

Washington Territory.—I regret to say that I have no report from this jurisdiction.

No reports have been received from the jurisdiction of North Carolina, Georgia, Mississippi, Alabama, Texas, Arkansas, Florida, or New Mexico. The only report from Virginia is from the Special Deputy, Brother STEELE, made immediately to the M. W. Grand Sire, and which will be communicated by that Grand officer. Some correspondence has been had with the Brotherhood in Louisiana, which is of an interesting character, and which will also be specially reported by the M. W. Grand Sire.

I received a communication from Brother JOHN C. SMITH, P. G. Patriarch of the Order, and Colonel of the 96th Illinois Volunteers, dated in line of battle, Atlanta Mountains, Georgia, May 25, 1864, informing me of the destruction of

many of the Lodge rooms in that jurisdiction by the occupation of the belligerent armies, and the consequent scattering of the furniture and books. He was fortunate enough to secure some of the charge books, which he conveyed to me safely, by private hand. I commend the valuable services of this worthy brother to the notice of the Grand Lodge.

Returns have been received during the year from

Delaware Encampment,	No.	1,	Delaware,	2	Reports.
McDonald	"	" 2,	"	2	"
Reynolds	"	" 3,	"	1	"
Dover	"	" 5,	"	2	"
Kirkwood	"	" 6,	"	1	"
Far West,		" 1,	Kansas,	2	"
Excelsior Lodge,		" 1,	Honolulu,	4	"
Ridgely,		" 1,	Nebraska,	2	"
Green Mountain,		" 3,	"	2	"
Excelsior,		" 4,	Vermont,	2	"

The reports from these Subordinates to this jurisdiction generally exhibit a prosperous condition of work, and a very commendable promptitude in the discharge of their duties on the part of the officers.

The following statement represents the amounts for each specific purpose received from each Grand jurisdiction and Subordinate Lodge and Encampment, under this Grand Body, during the past fiscal year. The several amounts received have been paid into the Treasury, vouchers for which accompany this report. A supplementary report will be made of the further receipts during the session:

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS *of Grand Secretary for the fiscal year commencing Sepber* 22, 1863, *and ending September* 6, 1864.

GRAND LODGES.	Cards.	Books.	Odes.	Diplomas.	Miscellaneous.	Rep. Tax.	TOTAL.
Maryland..... ...	$120 00	$46 25	$10 00	.....	.....	$150 00	$326 25
Massachusetts .	120 00	70 00	.....	$12 50	.....	150 00	352 50
S. New York ..	100 00	32 50	5 00	50 00	.....	.....	187 50
Pennsylvania ..	300 00	250 00	.....	.....	.....	150 00	700 00
Delaware	25 00	30 75	.....	.....	.....	150 00	205 75
Ohio	680 00	52 50	50 00	100 00	.....	150 00	1032 50
New Jersey.....	.....	40 00	.....	.....	.....	150 00	190 00
Kentucky	60 00	47 50	.....	9 00	.....	150 00	266 50
Indiana	240 00	85 00	25 00	12 50	.....	150 00	512 50
Missouri	80 00	25 00	.....	.....	.....	150 00	255 00
Illinois.....	320 00	155 75	40 00	.....	.....	150 00	665 75
Connecticut	30 00	14 00	.....	.....	.....	150 00	194 00
Maine...	19 60	15 00	.....	15 00	.....	150 00	199 60
New Hampshire	100 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	150 00	250 00
Michigan	140 00	61 00	.....	75	.....	150 00	351 75
Wisconsin	20 00	22 50	5 00	12 50	.....	150 00	210 00
Iowa	80 00	14 50	15 00	12 50	.....	150 00	272 00
Rhode Island ..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	75 00	75 00
Minnesota.....	.....	10 00	50	.....	.....	.....	10 50
California	120 00	250 74	.....	.....	$65 51	150 00	586 25
Nebraska.....	.....	12 50	1 20	.....	32	75 00	89 02
Kansas..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	75 00	75 00
Oregon	50 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	50 00
	$2604 60	$1235 49	$151 70	$224 75	$65 83	$2775 00	$7057 37

STATEMENT—*Continued.*

	Charter.	Miscellaneous.	Cards.	Dues.	Books.	Diplomas.	Total.
Union Lodge, No. 1, Colorado Territory	$30 00	....	....	....	....	....	$30 00
E. M. Barnum, of Oregon	....	$241 92	....	....	....	....	241 92
Virginius Lodge, No. 3, W. Virginia	....	....	$4 80	....	....	....	4 80
William Tell Lodge, No. 33, W. Virginia	....	24	7 20	....	....	....	7 44
Wheeling Lodge, No. 59, W. Virginia	....	....	4 80	....	....	....	4 80
Green Mountain Encampment, No. 3, Vermont	....	....	2 80	....	....	....	2 80
Thomas G. Steele, of W. Virginia	....	....	10 00	....	....	....	10 00
B. C. True, of Ohio	....	....	....	....	....	$70 00	70 00
William Curtis, of Pennsylvania	....	....	....	....	....	133 00	133 00
C. D. Cole, of Massachusetts	....	....	....	....	....	25 00	25 00
John Libby, of Missouri	....	....	....	....	....	25 50	25 50
Columbia Lodge, No. 3, Tennessee	....	....	....	....	$11 00	....	11 00
Joseph B. Escavaille, of Maryland	....	....	....	....	20 00	...	20 00
J. Mearis, of Delaware	....	....	....	....	10 00	...	10 00
George T. Kay, of Delaware	....	....	....	....	12 00	....	12 00
Hope Lodge, of Delaware	....	....	....	....	10 00	....	10 00
Delaware Encampment, No. 1, Delaware	....	....	....	$83 42	....	....	83 42
McDonnel Encampment, No. 2, Delaware	....	....	....	28 55	....	....	28 55
Reynolds Encampment, No. 3, Delaware	....	....	....	20 76	....	....	20 76
Dover Encampment, No. 5, Delaware	....	....	....	4 20	....	....	4 20
Kirkwood Encampment, No. 6, Delaware	....	....	....	7 63	....	....	7 63
Ridgely Encampment, No. 1, Nebraska	....	....	....	5 10	....	....	5 10
Far West Encampment, No. 1, Kansas	....	21	4 80	18 74	....	....	23 75
Excelsior Lodge, No. 1, Sandwich Islands	....	....	....	64 85	....	....	63 85
	$30 00	$242 37	$34 40	$232 25	$63 00	$253 50	$855 52

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS *of Grand Secretary for the fiscal year commencing September* 22, 1863, *and ending September* 6, 1864.

GRAND ENCAMPMENTS.	Miscellaneous.	Cards.	Books.	Diplomas.	Representative Tax.	Total.
Maryland	.....	$10 00	.....	.....	$150 00	$160 00
Pennsylvania	.....	.....	$30 00	.....	150 00	180 00
Southern New York	.....	.....	.....	.....	75 00	75 00
Ohio	.....	60 00	77 50	.....	150 00	287 50
Kentucky	.....	.....	.....	.....	75 00	75 00
Connecticut	.....	.....	10 00	.....	75 00	85 00
New Jersey	.....	10 00	.....	$15 50	75 00	97 50
Massachusetts	.....	.....	20 00	.....	75 00	95 00
Maine	.....	.....	.....	.....	50 00	50 00
New Hampshire	.....	.....	5 00	.....	75 00	80 00
Indiana	.....	.....	10 00	.....	150 00	160 00
Michigan	.....	.....	.....	.....	75 00	75 00
Wisconsin	.....	.....	15 00	.....	75 00	90 00
Rhode Island	.....	.....	.....	.....	75 00	75 00
Illinois	.....	.....	75 00	.....	150 00	225 00
Iowa	.....	.....	3 75	.....	75 00	78 75
Northern New York	.....	.....	.....	.....	75 00	75 00
California	$2 50	120 00	36 25	50 00	75 00	283 75
	$2 50	$200 00	$282 50	$62 50	$1700 00	$2,247 50

The revenue of the year, inclusive of the first day of September, 1864, amounts to	$10,160 39
Due on that day and payable during the session (exclusive of the Southern jurisdictions)	1,510 56
Making an aggregate of	$11,670 95

This amount is the revenue proper of the year, a state of finance quite as gratifying as could be expected, in view of the condition of the country, and considerably improved, when compared with the receipts proper as reported at the last session. The Report of the Grand Treasurer will present full details on the subject.

There has been received also by the Grand Secretary and paid over to the Grand Treasurer in trust for the Wildey Monument Fund the following additional contributions during the year:

WILDEY MONUMENT FUND.

Kentucky	$ 324 00	
Ohio	1,489 75	
Iowa	271 10	
California	1,310 00	
Missouri	10 00	
Michigan	39 00	
New Hampshire	1 65	
Connecticut	196 00	
Delaware	216 35	
Kansas	32 50	
Illinois	224 00	
Maryland	1,067 90	
S. New York	45 00	
Massachusetts	187 10	
Nebraska	5 00	
Pennsylvania	674 10	
		$6,093 45
To which add contributions reported at the last session.		
Tennessee	$ 68 75	
Michigan	263 66	
Kansas	22 50	
Kentucky	148 30	
New Jersey	45 00	
Indiana	603 20	
Maine	71 50	
California	1,680 00	
Illinois	237 97	
Missouri	465 00	
Pennsylvania	899 75	
Canada West	55 75	
District of Columbia	25 35	
Southern New York	225 00	
New Hampshire	74 80	
		4,886 53
Making an aggregate of		$11,079 98

I am advised that there will yet be other contributions to this fund, although I do not anticipate any very considerable addition to it.

In closing this report it is again the good fortune of the Corresponding Secretary to rejoice with the Brotherhood at large at the continued prosperity of our beloved Order. From every quarter of our vast jurisdiction within the Federal lines there comes up to the Supreme Grand Lodge a common voice, eloquently

sublime, proclaiming in gentle tones, Peace, Harmony, Brotherly love, and Unity predominant, cheering and soul-stirring; the fruit of this Gospel is increased strength and power for good, and its high moral is active incentive to yet nobler efforts in the path of duty. May that incentive awaken a cordial response in the honest heart of every true Odd-Fellow, everywhere, and may it nerve his arm with a stalwart purpose "to weary not in well doing!"

It is true that without these lines, this picture, bright as it is with us, has its shade; that there hangs cloud and gloom in the far distance, and that amid the sad and desolating work which has been and is now enacting, Odd-Fellowship has, by the pressure around it, been whelmed beneath conflicting elements; yet, although prostrate and inanimate to the natural eye, it is not dead, it but slumbers; the spirit survives in its shattered but precious casket; the undying principle hath not, will not perish, but will again, when halcyon peace, with healing upon its wing, shall descend in mercy among the children of men, lift its fraternal voice to awaken a kindred and sympathetic pulse in the great heart of the Order. This shade may not therefore, though deep and sombre and sad as its contemplation now is, detract from the present moral grandeur of our Order, but it lends the more sublimity and eloquence to its mission in the fact that it illustrates its tenacity of life and its capability of endurance, amid trials and conflicts such as the world has heretofore never known.

The past and the present of our history, however the latter may be in part under severe trial, invoke us to a higher and holier struggle within our *proper sphere*. Let us continue to be true hereafter, as we have been heretofore, to our principles, and under their guidance, with our trust in God, we may await the future with a faith as firm and unshaken as the rock of Truth.

Fraternally submitted.

JAS. L. RIDGELY, C. S

Office Cor. and Rec. Secretary,

BALTIMORE, Sep't 8, 1864.

STOCK ACCOUNT.

Supplies on hand September 21, 1863, *amount received since, amount sold during the year, and amount on hand September* 7, 1864.

	Cards.	Degree of Rebekah.	Charge Books.	Degree Books.	Installation Books.	Institution Books.	Grand Lodge Books.	Encampment Books.	Grand Encam't Books.	Diplomas.	Odes.	Funeral Ceremonies.	Revised Journal.	Forms for Degree Lodges.
On hand Sept. 20, 1863	5,916	672	666	904	113	268	59	1086	33	222	9784	496	742	7254
Received during the year.....	20,000	. ..	508	....	. ..	. ..	..	....	..	1500	....	. ..	702	500
Total.....	25,916	672	1174	904	113	268	59	1086	33	1722	9784	496	1445	7754
Sold during the year.	16 520	63	359	79	10	18	2	115	1	1200	3411	11	482	330
On hand Sep. 7, 1864.	9,396	609	815	825	103	250	57	971	32	522	6373	485	963	7424

Amount of Supplies sold from September 21, 1863, *to September* 7, 1864, *showing the cost of each article, selling price, and profits.*

Number of each Article sold.		Sold for.	Cost.	Profit.
Cards, 16,520.....		$3,304 00	$165 20	$3,138 80
Charge Books, furnished New Lodge 2, sold 357.....	359	892 50	89 75	802 75
Degree Books, furnished New Lodge 2, sold 77..... ...	79	192 50	13 94	179 01
Degree of Rebekah, furnished New Lodge 2, sold 61.....	63	76 25	8 19	68 06
Installation Books, 10.....		10 00	1 10	8 90
Institution Books, 18.....		22 50	3 06	19 44
Odes, 3,411.....		170 55	34 11	136 44
Grand Lodge Books, 2.....		4 00	40	3 60
Diplomas, 1,200.....		604 75	276 00	328 75
Encampment Books, 115.....		287 50	27 75	259 75
Grand Encampment Book, 1.....		1 00	.....	1 00
Forms for Degree Lodges, 330.....		16 50	3 30	13 20
Funeral Ceremonies, 11.....		1 10	44	66
Revised Journals, volumes sold, 132. Per Resolution G. L. U. S., 350...	482	330 00	.....	.....
		$5,913 15	$622 79	$4,960 36

ANNUAL REPORT *of Grand and Subordinate Lodges to the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, for the year ending June* 30, 1864.

LODGES.	No. of Lodges.	No. of Initiations.	No. of rejections.	No. admitted by card.	No. withdrawn by card.	No. of reinstatements.	No. of suspensions.	No. of expulsions.
G. L. Maryland	83	686	96	51	54	146	438	10
G. L. Massachusetts	58	391	26	24	25	42	160	7
G. L. S. New York	98	850	84	81	116	56	381	7
G. L. Pennsylvania	467	4054	355	242	403	476	1810	56
G. L. Dis. of Columbia	13	331	20	14	12	211	63	.....
G. L. Delaware	27	203	12	14	14	32	.....	3
G. L. Ohio	331	1721	.....	273	397	368	1504	61
G. L. Louisiana*	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
G. L. New Jersey	74	493	.....	26	21	50	107	7
G. L. Kentucky	104	413	64	53	55	9	115	9
G. L. Virginia*	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
G. L. Indiana	195	420	45	112	98	69	144	23
G. L. Mississippi*	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
G. L. Missouri	78	368	38	54	73	73	187	2
G. L. Illinois	246	1408	159	280	284	347	560	25
G. L. Connecticut	20	119	.....	6	6	6	36	2
G. L. Texas*	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
G. L. Tennessee	16	111	20	27	29	63	233	137
G. L. South Carolina*	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
G. L. Alabama*	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
G. L. North Carolina*	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
G. L. Georgia*	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
G. L. Maine	22	92	1	3	2	1	45	13
G. L. New Hampshire.	22	207	8	8	11	6	37	.....
G. L. Michigan	50	489	54	32	45	18	73	5
G. L. Wisconsin	53	320	32	34	50	34	118	174
G. L. Vermont	5	20	2	2	3	2	7	1
G. L. Iowa	84	459	45	89	111	64	191	40
G. L. Arkansas*	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
G. L. Rhode Island	12	28	.....	2	3	9	44	.....
G. L. N. New York	.....	511	49	34	61	97	341	4
G. L. Florida*	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
G. L. Minnesota	7	59	6	12	4	1	24	1
G. L. California	125	1138	148	506	475	101	434	19
G. L. L. Pr. B. N. A.*	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
G. L. Canada West	16	142	8	10	12	5	62	.....
G. L. Oregon	13	105	12	55	15	5	16	2
G. L. Nebraska	6	55	7	16	14	2	5	3
G. L. Kansas	8	53	4	20	16	9	6	1
Sandwich Islands	1	1	.....	1	.....	5	.....	.....
New Mexico*	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Colorado Territory†	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	2,118	14,827	1297	2,075	2,409	2,116	7,114	612

*No report. 235 †No report due.

ANNUAL REPORT *of Grand and Subordinate Lodges to the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, for the year ending June* 30, 1864.

LODGES.	No. of deaths.	No. of members.	No. of brothers relieved.	No. of widowed families relieved.	Amount paid for the relief of brothers.	Am't paid for the relief of widowed families.
G. L. Maryland	186	10,306	2,640	160	$33,815 49	$18,930 20
G. L. Massachusetts	60	4,482	356	169	9,568 58	1,840 68
G. L. S. New York	113	6,854	958	378	20,651 78	5,285 71
G. L. Pennsylvania	586	39,548	5,779	621	93,203 79	8,884 13
G. L. Dis. of Columbia	28	1,676	355	50	4,533 00	1,235 00
G. L. Delaware	18	1,712	271	52	3,322 20	375 62
G. L. Ohio	280	19,879	2,049	416	33,374 55	7,018 38
G. L. Louisiana*	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
G. L. New Jersey	52	4,147	541	56	9,847 76	1,015 21
G. L. Kentucky	64	3,472	419	112	6,782 81	2,319 25
G. L. Virginia*	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
G. L. Indiana	58	8,040	632	58	8,260 27	895 45
G. L. Mississippi*	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
G. L. Missouri	33	2,623	220	79	4,094 15	2,858 65
G. L. Illinois	103	7,390	513	106	6,428 56	1,897 30
G. L. Connecticut	9	1,308	145	5	3,384 95	121 96
G. L. Texas*	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
G. L. Tennessee	31	868	.....	.....	2,929 85	1,282 55
G. L. South Carolina*	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
G. L. Alabama*	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
G. L. North Carolina*	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
G. L. Georgia*	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
G. L. Maine	11	1,225	93	12	2,715 00	137 00
G. L. New Hampshire.	26	1,851	174	7	3,590 91	115 00
G. L. Michigan	36	2,428	66	28	1,133 07	626 40
G. L. Wisconsin	26	1,901	66	17	1,137 61	459 00
G. L. Vermont	4	152	5	.....	346 00	.....
G. L. Iowa	27	3,098	145	22	1,993 41	492 75
G. L. Arkansas*	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
G. L. Rhode Island	9	539	25	12	575 05	221 69
G. L. N. New York	59	5,129	330	60	5,241 79	1,186 30
G. L. Florida*	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
G. L. Minnesota	5	289	14	1	89 15	40 00
G. L. California	76	6,925	887	29	30,454 19	2,341 58
G. L. L. Pr. B. N. A.*	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
G. L. Canada West	5	668	40	8	444 00	391 06
G. L. Oregon	4	465	.....	.....	.....	.....
G. L. Nebraska	1	231	11	.....	117 00	.....
G. L. Kansas	6	384	30	.....	428 00	.....
Sandwich Islands	.....	33	.....	.....	.....	.....
New Mexico*	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Colorado Territory†	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	1916	137,623	16,714	2,458	$288,460 95	$59,970 81

*No report. †No report due.

ANNUAL REPORT *of Grand and Subordinate Lodges to the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, for the year ending June* 30, 1864.

LODGES.	Amount paid for the education of orphans.	Amount paid for burying the dead.	Total relief.	Amount of the annual receipts.
G. L. Maryland.....	$2,516 92	$6,536 53	$61,797 14	$84,762 94
G. L. Massachusetts...	16 00	1,940 13	16,937 23	30,248 89
G. L. S. New York....	766 12	4,399 73	31,103 34	61,841 51
G. L. Pennsylvania ...	....	30,075 07	132,162 99	261,567 03
G. L. Dis. of Columbia	735 45	942 00	7,455 45	14,354 35
G. L. Delaware	69 59	1,201 72	4,969 13	9,614 65
G. L. Ohio	49 96	6,469 00	46,911 89	105,169 17
G. L. Louisiana*.....	....	....	.....	....
G. L. New Jersey	163 78	2,160 07	13,186 82	27,045 25
G. L. Kentucky.....	350 37	2,603 45	12,055 88	31,636 55
G. L. Virginia*.....	....	....	.....	.....
G. L. Indiana	724 00	2,096 00	11,975 72	35,937 48
G. L. Mississippi*	....	.....	.....	.....
G. L. Missouri	1,724 78	1,204 55	9,882 13	22,503 96
G. L. Illinois..	200 90	1,887 86	10,414 62	53,809 70
G. L. Connecticut.....	57 10	515 00	5,050 01	10,678 18
G. L. Texas*	....	.....	.....	.....
G. L. Tennessee	....	1,010 50	5,222 90	12,718 25
G. L. South Carolina*	....	....	....	.....
G. L. Alabama*.....	....	.....	.....	.....
G. L. North Carolina*	....	.....	.....	.....
G. L. Georgia*	....	.....	.....	.....
G. L. Maine.....	....	170 00	3,022 00	7,314 00
G. L. New Hampshire.	....	1,125 00	4,830 91	9,117 00
G. L. Michigan	415 00	38 00	2,212 47	13,111 68
G. L. Wisconsin.....	106 87	628 87	2,332 35	9,861 39
G. L. Vermont	....	90 00	136 00	65 72
G. L. Iowa.....	73 75	652 09	3,212 03	17,710 56
G. L. Arkansas*	....	.....	.....	....
G. L. Rhode Island....	15 01	225 00	1,036 75	3,525 35
G. L. N. New York ...	118 78	1,595 21	8,142 08	25,007 74
G. L. Florida*.....	....	.....	.....	.....
G. L. Minnesota	....	60 00	189 15	1,892 18
G. L. California	164 21	6,525 27	39,485 25	182,283 59
G. L. L. Pr. B. N. A.*	....	.....	.....	.....
G. L. Canada West....	7 50	197 70	1,040 20	4,104 24
G. L. Oregon.....	....	.....	.....	8,270 00
G. L. Nebraska	....	20 00	137 00	1,652 33
G. L. Kansas	20 45	121 00	569 45	2,726 55
Sandwich Islands	....	....	.....	638 58
New Mexico*	....	.....	....	.....
Colorado Territory† ...	....	.....	.....	.....
	$3,296 54	$68,485 75	$415,460 89	$1,049,168 82

*No report. †No report due.

ANNUAL REPORT *of Grand and Subordinate Encampments to the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, for the year ending June* 30, 1864.

ENCAMPMENTS.	No. of Encampments.	No. of initiations.	No. of rejections.	No. admitted by card.	No. withdrawn by card.	No. of reinstatements.	No. of suspensions.	No. of expulsions.	No. of deaths.	No. of members.	No. of members relieved.	No. of widowed families relieved.
G. E. Maryland	9	47	...	1	...	14	35	...	26	1,269	290	17
G. E. Pennsylvania	79	338	7	19	25	28	207	4	86	4,645	749	32
G. E. S. New York	10	71	5	3	...	5	16	1	9	425	35	3
G. E. Ohio	66	286	12	43	63	15	15	181	59	3,736	439	6
G. E. Kentucky	20	98	5	3	5	5	23	..	7	756	62	10
G. E. Virginia*	...	.....	...	...	...	...	.....	...	.....	.....	.....	...
G. E. Connecticut	6	38	...	7	...	...	6	...	.....	228	8	...
G. E. New Jersey	18	77	1	...	1	41	10	...	5	480	29	1
G. E. South Carolina*	...	.....	...	...	...	...	.....	...	.....	.....	.....	...
G. E. Massachusetts	13	104	5	4	4	2	19	...	9	839	49	6
G. E. Maine	6	10	2	...	...	2	2	...	1	200	10	...
G. E. New Hampshire	6	70	3	2	1	...	10	...	5	383	24	...
G. E. Missouri	23	45	...	6	9	7	3	...	2	300	1	...
G. E. Dis. of Columbia	4	102	1	3	3	6	15	...	8	413	63	...
G. E. Georgia*	...	.....	...	...	...	..	.....	...	.....	.....	.....	..
G. E. North Carolina*	...	.....	...	...	...	...	.....	...	.....	.....	.....	...
G. E. Indiana	57	88	2	6	11	8	13	3	10	1,608	116	2
G. E. Michigan	9	40	...	2	8	...	1	...	.....	185	.....	...
G. E. Tennessee	6	23	3	1	2	..	31	7	5	162	25	..
G. E. Mississippi*	...	.....	...	...	...	...	.....	...	.....	.....	.....	...
G. E. Louisiana*	...	.....	...	...	...	...	.....	...	.....	.....	.....	...
G. E. Alabama*	...	.....	...	...	...	...	.....	...	.....	.....	.....	...
G. E. Wisconsin	11	65	...	...	1	5	2	1	1	221	1	1
G. E. Rhode Island	6	6	...	...	...	...	.....	...	.....	162	.....	...
G. E. N. New York	21	72	1	...	10	11	25	..	7	675	22	...
G. E. Illinois	45	235	11	29	26	21	41	1	13	1,215	15	2
G. E. Iowa	14	46	1	8	5	1	1	...	1	353	4	...
G. E. Texas*	...	.....	...	...	...	..	.....	...	.....	.....	.....	...
G. E. California	25	145	5	37	80	12	60	2	9	782	61	4
Delaware	5	16	...	1	...	1	4	1	2	159	13	...
Arkansas*	...	.....	...	...	...	...	.....	...	.....	.....	.....	...
Vermont	2	.....	...	...	...	...	.....	1	.....	33	.....	...
Florida*	...	.....	...	...	...	...	.....	...	.....	.....	.....	...
Minnesota*	1	.....	...	...	...	...	.....	...	.....	.....	.....	...
L. Provinces B. N. A.*	1	.....	...	...	...	...	.....	...	.....	.....	.....	...
Kansas	1	8	...	2	...	...	.....	1	.....	54	.....	...
Canada West	1	3	...	...	...	...	.....	...	.....	23	.....	...
Nebraska	1	2	...	...	...	...	.....	...	.....	18	.....	...
	466	1942	64	117	254	84	539	203	265	19,234	2016	84

*No report.

ANNUAL REPORT *of Grand and Subordinate Encampments to the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, for the year ending June* 30, 1864—*continued.*

ENCAMPMENTS.	Amount paid for the relief of members.	Amount paid for the relief of widowed families.	Amount paid for the education of orphans.	Amount paid for burying the dead.	Total relief.	Amount of annual receipts.
G. E. Maryland	$4,906 25	$1775 00	.....	$1095 00	$7,796 25	$9,225 83
G. E. Pennsylvania	12,886 49	495 07	.....	3,351 00	16,732 56	29,386 80
G. E. S. New York	917 00	44 00	.....	125 00	1,086 25	2,714 86
G. E. Ohio	7,296 38	73 81	.....	855 50	8,195 69	32,207 66
G. E. Kentucky	659 50	85 00	20 45	215 75	970 70	3,317 33
G. E. Virginia*	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	....
G. E. Connecticut	127 00	.....	.....	.....	127 00	517 37
G. E. New Jersey	358 29	.....	.....	90 00	448 21	1,092 60
G. E. South Carolina*	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
G. E. Massachusetts	577 50	115 00	.....	130 00	1,198 15	4,044 79
G. E. Maine	119 00	.....	.....	.....	119 00	680 00
G. E. New Hampshire.	188 56	.....	.....	30 00	218 56	612 26
G. E. Missouri	20 00	.....	.....	.....	20 00	1,022 70
G. E. Dis. of Columbia	690 95	.....	.....	60 00	750 95	2,095 77
G. E. Georgia*	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
G. E. North Carolina*	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
G. E. Indiana	1,239 00	28 00	.....	185 00	1,452 00	3,728 83
G. E. Michigan	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	654 95
G. E. Tennessee	....	.....	.....	.....	520 00	1,500 00
G. E. Mississippi*	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
G. E. Louisiana *	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
G. E. Alabama	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
G. E. Wisconsin	8 74	135 00	.....	.....	143 74	407 81
G. E. Rhode Island	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	303 45
G. E. N. New York	412 00	.....	.....	90 75	502 75	1,881 21
G. E. Illinois	165 00	20 00	.....	15 00	200 00	2,895 17
G. E. Iowa	70 00	.....	.....	....	70 00	914 22
G. E. Texas*	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
G. E. California	1,681 70	105 00	.....	155 40	1,942 10	12,504 20
Delaware	291 00	.....	.....	183 85	474 85	615 55
Arkansas	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Vermont	... .	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Florida*	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Minnesota	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
L. Provinces B. N. A.*	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Kansas	....	.....	.....	.....	....	225 25
Canada West	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Nebraska	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	50 82
	32,514 36	2,875 88	20 45	6,572 25	43,968 84	112,659 83

*No report.

The report having been read, on motion of Rep. BURNHAM, of Maine, it was referred to the same committee to whom was referred the Grand Sire's report.

Rep. TERWILLIGER, of Northern New York, moved the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the R. W. Grand Secretary cause to be printed five hundred copies of the daily Journal for the use of the Grand Representatives at the present session, and that ten copies of the revised Journal be printed and furnished each member, after the adjournment, for distribution.

Rep. LOGAN, of Kansas, moved the following, which was adopted:

WHEREAS the practice heretofore adopted of allowing the Secret Journal and Book of Diagrams to be placed in the hands of the Deputy Grand Sire, for the use of members during the *sessions* of the Grand Lodge only, fails to afford the Representatives the proper facilities for acquiring a full knowledge of their contents, whereby much discrepancy has arisen in the work; therefore,

Resolved, That the Secret Journal and Book of Diagrams be placed in the hands of the R. W. Deputy Grand Sire, and that that officer is hereby requested to furnish every opportunity to properly accredited Representatives to acquaint themselves with the work, not only during the sittings, but under proper restrictions during the *recesses* of the present session.

Rep. BURNHAM, of Maine, moved the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That one thousand copies of the Reports of the Most Worthy Grand Sire and R. W. Grand Secretary be printed for the use of the members of the Grand Lodge.

On motion of Rep. ESCAVAILLE, of Maryland, to make the election of Grand Officers the order for one o'clock to-morrow,—

Rep. LEECH, of Iowa, moved to amend by striking out one o'clock, and inserting ten o'clock.

The question being on the amendment, it was resolved in the negative.

The question recurring on the motion of Rep. ESCAVAILLE, of Maryland, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Rep. MCLEAN, of the District of Columbia, presented the amended constitution of the Grand Encampment of the District of Columbia, which was referred to the Committee on Constitutions.

Rep. LEECH, of Iowa, presented the amended constitution of the Grand Lodge of Iowa, which was referred to the Committee on Constitutions.

The Chair announced the following as the Standing Committees:

Committeee on the State of the Order.—SANDERS, of Northern New York; CHIDSEY, of Ohio; ESCAVAILLE, of Maryland; STOKES, of Pennsylvania; P. G. Sire ELLISON, of Massachusetts.

Legislative Committee.—CASSEDY, of New Jersey; LAMBERTON; of Pennsylvania; GRISWOLD, of Illinois; SMILEY, of Tennessee; PAGE, of Wisconsin.

Committee on Correspondence.—TUCKER, of Massachusetts; MERRIAM, of Iowa; HOPKINS, of Pennsylvania; KINGSBURY, of Maine; WOOD, of Rhode Island.

Committee on Finance.—VEITCH, of Missouri; ELLIS, of Maryland; FARNSWORTH, of Tennessee; BURNHAM, of Maine; ROSS, of New Jersey.

Committee on Appeals.—DAVIES, of Southern New York; DOE, of Maine; SIMPSON, of Pennsylvania; RUCKER, of Illinois; FOSTER, of Michigan.

Committee on Constitutions.—LEECH, of Iowa; LOGAN, of Kansas; PARKER, of New Hampshire; BRIDGE, of Wisconsin; POLLARD, of Kentucky.

Committee on Petitions.—BINGHAM, of Canada West; THOMPSON, of Missouri; PIPER, of District of Columbia; J. A. J. BOHEN, of California; GOODRICH, of Nebraska.

Committee on Returns.—DRISCOLL, of Rhode Island; SCHEIFER, of Missouri; GUNN, of Massachusetts; KAY, of Delaware; KIRKUP, of Ohio.

Committee on Printing.—MCLEAN, of District of Columbia; WILLIAMS, of Minnesota; BUELL, of New Hampshire; LEWIS, of Illinois; COOLEY, of Iowa.

Committee on Mileage and Per Diem.—SLATER, of Ohio; WEMMEL, of Southern New York; BIDWELL, of Connecticut; RANSOM, of Kentucky; MANTZ, of Maryland.

Committee on Grand Bodies not Represented—TERWILLIGER, of Northern New York; LAMB, of New Jersey; SIMMS, of Illinois; COLEMAN, of Tennessee; DIXON, of Indiana.

Rep. STOKES, of Pennsylvania, moved the following preamble and resolutions, which were referred to the Legislative Committee:

WHEREAS a practice has grown up in some of the different State jurisdictions, amongst the Subordinate Lodges and Encampments holding charters from their respective State Grand bodies, of dividing the funds and property of the Lodge or Encampment (designed only for the use and benefit of brethren of the Order in sickness and distress) amongst the members thereof, that are neither disabled, sick, or in distress, contrary to the laws, usages, and customs of the Order from its earliest history;

AND WHEREAS, by the terms and express language of the charters under which all working Lodges and Encampments are authorized to impose certain dues and collect contributions from their members, the power is conferred for the purpose of accumulating a fund for the benefit of "sick brothers or brothers in distress;" that said funds are *trust funds*, and the Lodges or Encampments are but *trustees;* that said funds having been contributed under and by authority of the charter, are for the objects and purposes therein expressed and for no other; and that any diversion from the real object or intention as expressed in said charter, or the laws of the body from which said charter emanated, is a wrongful and tortuous diversion of the funds so collected, and which has impressed upon it the great principle of the *trust, Benevolence and Charity;*

AND WHEREAS the primary object of this Grand Lodge is to build up, protect, and perpetuate, to the latest time, a charity which shall command the admiration of the present and future generations, with the fond hope of making it one of the noblest charities the world has ever seen; therefore,

Resolved, That this Grand Lodge does hereby declare that all attempts to divert the funds or property of a Lodge or Encampment from the objects and purposes for which they were in the name of our Order collected, by dividing or appropriating them to some other object or purpose before breaking up or surrendering their charter, to be wrong and dishonorable, and in direct violation of the *trust* which they have voluntarily assumed.

Resolved, That funds and property collected under and by authority of a charter duly granted to a Lodge or Encampment of the Independent Order of Odd-Fellows are *trust funds*, and can be applied only to the objects for which they were collected, and that when a Lodge or Encampment shall fail from any cause to continue as a working body and yield up its charter, the money and property, of whatever kind, of which it may be possessed and belonging thereto, must be

surrendered up to and paid over to the State Grand Body from which they derived their authority, and that no diversion of the funds or property, or other disposition thereof except for the legitimate objects of the Order, can or will be recognised or tolerated by this Grand Lodge.

Resolved, That State Grand bodies are directed to enact such laws as will most effectually put a stop to all such practices, and affix such penalties to the acts as will prevent any member participating therein from ever again uniting with the Order, without first making due reparation therefor.

Resolved, That, when the laws of the Order shall be ineffectual for the purpose, the State Grand bodies shall be justified in invoking the laws of the country to compel a surrender of the *trust funds* to the proper parties and objects.

Resolved, That all State Grand bodies, who have not heretofore legislated on this subject, are hereby directed to enact suitable and appropriate laws and regulations for the care of the funds and property of defunct Lodges and Encampments; which shall thereafter become a separate *trust* or fund, to be employed and used under the direction of such Grand Body, or committee duly constituted by them, in aiding and assisting working Lodges and Encampments when in need of funds to sustain them in their organization.

The Chair presented a communication from P. G. DOWNING, of Southern New York, which was referred to the Committee on Petitions.

Rep. SIMPSON, of Pennsylvania, moved the following resolution, which was referred to the Legislative Committee:

Resolved, That the Legislative Committee be and they are hereby requested to inquire into and report upon the expediency of conferring upon the respective State jurisdictions the power to adopt a system of life-membership in the several jurisdictions, if they see proper so to do, by the payment of a fixed sum in lieu of weekly or quarterly dues.

Rep. WILLIAMS, of Minnesota, from the special committee on that subject, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee appointed at the last session of this Grand Lodge to revise our Funeral Ceremony herewith submit the result of their labor.

The changes made are in reality but few. The general features of the present service are retained, and some additions in harmony with them incorporated into it.

A feature that seemed to us lacking in the present funeral ceremonies was a service to be performed at the house of the deceased, by the Chaplain of the Lodge, or some suitable person acting as such. It often happens that no services have been provided for by the family of the deceased. Thus, by having an appropriate service for such a time and place, the conduct of the entire funeral is gained by our Order.

The services at the grave are essentially the same. The spirit of the present lecture or address is retained, together with much of its language. We have endeavored also to use only the most plain and terse forms of expression for the ideas set forth. The pure, homely, Anglo Saxon always best expresses the feelings of the heart when stirred by grief or other emotions.

To our present lecture we have added a clause giving more prominence and (to the uninitiated) a clearer *meaning* to our beautiful ceremony of "depositing the evergreen." We have also embodied in it a formal *farewell to the departed*, and a giving back of "dust to dust," by a not new but always beautiful rite.

A Burial Ode is nearly always sung by the Order at the grave; yet the old ceremony does not recognise this beautiful feature—a defect we have remedied in our revision.

We have endeavored so to arrange the service that, should time or weather render it necessary, portions can be omitted to any desirable extent, without destroying the unity and intent of the rite.

We have made ample mention of our Order, its usages and spirit, in all sections of the service. By a singular oversight, Odd-Fellowship is not once mentioned in our present burial ceremony; a lack of an essential peculiarity that has allowed it to be copied and used by another Order, with some additions.

Your committee are indebted to several fellow-members for valuable aid and suggestions; especially to Grand Chaplain WILLIAMSON, who has assisted us by advice and his long experience in such duties. The prayer and other portions are collated from the burial service written by him in 1844, and used prior to the present ceremony.

Fraternally submitted.

J. F. WILLIAMS,
J. B. GILMAN,
STODDARD JUDD.

FUNERAL SERVICE.

SECTION ONE.

[*To be rehearsed at the Lodge room, or at the house of the deceased, in the absence of any religious or other ceremony.*]

Noble Grand.—Brothers: You have been summoned here to day to perform a solemn and painful duty. Once more is our circle broken by the rude hand of death, which hath again entered our retreat, and severed a *link* from our fraternal chain. We have therefore met here to-day out of respect to our usages, which enjoin on us to give descent sepulture to the remains of a deceased brother. It is a melancholy duty to commit even the remains of a stranger to the tomb. But when death invades that circle which we consider as our family, cutting off one in active discharge of the duties of life, and who was bound to us by the strongest of fraternal ties, we realize then that death is indeed in the world, and that we are mortal. And as the weeks roll around, his vacant seat, and the tokens of mourning on our emblems, will silently remind us of our departed brother, whom we will miss from our midst, and who can never more rejoin our circle.

[But while we sorrow over our loss, let us not forget those whom this dispensation of GOD hath so much more deeply afflicted, remembering ever that it is the office of our Order to comfort the bereaved, and pour the balm of consolation into the heart of the mourner. And yet how little can we say to those whom this event has left so helpless, to comfort them in their affliction! We can only point them to Him who has promised to be a Father to the orphan, and to the widow a protector, and who still loveth though he chasteneth his creatures. To Him we commend them in our prayer, as ever ready to pour balm into the bruised heart, and comfort those who mourn. And may He who "tempereth the wind to the shorn lamb" dry up their tears, and give them the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness.]

Brother Chaplain will you rehearse the consolations which Holy Writ affords unto those who mourn?

SCRIPTURE LESSON.

Chaplain.—Blessed are they that mourn, for they shall be comforted. The Lord giveth and the Lord taketh away—blessed be the name of the Lord. Blessed is the man whom thou chasteneth, and teacheth him out of thy law. I know, O Lord, that thy judgments are right, and that thou in faithfulness hast afflicted me. Though He cause grief, yet will He have compassion, according to

the multitude of his mercies, for he doth not afflict willingly nor grieve the children of men. Thou shalt forget thy misery and remember it as waters that pass away. Weeping may endure for a night, but joy cometh in the morning.

Although affliction cometh not forth of the dust, neither doth trouble spring out of the ground, yet man is born unto trouble as the sparks fly upwards. For what is our life? It is even a vapor that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away. We are strangers before thee, and sojourners, as our fathers were. Our days on the earth are as a shadow, and there is none abiding.

Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might; for there is no work, nor device, nor knowledge, nor wisdom, in the grave whither we go. For I know that thou wilt bring me to death, and to the house appointed for all the living. All the days of my appointed time will I wait, till my change come. Then shall I go the way of all the earth. O that men were wise, that they would know this; that they would consider their latter end.

Mark the perfect man and behold the upright man, for the end of that man is peace. The righteous hath hope in his death. Let me die the death of the righteous, and let my last end be like his. Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints. The day of their death is better than the day of their birth.

"Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death I will fear no evil, for thou art with me. Thy rod and thy staff they comfort me."

If a man die shall he live again? Jesus said: "I am the resurrection and the life. He that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live; and whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die." "Let not your hearts be troubled. Ye believe in God—believe also in me." "In my Father's house are many mansions. If it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. But some men will say, how are the dead raised up, and with what body do they come? It is sown in corruption, it is raised in incorruption. It is sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness, it is raised in power. It is sown a natural body, it is raised a spiritual body.

"Behold, I show you a mystery. We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, in a moment—in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump. For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality.

"And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying—neither shall there be any more pain, for the former things are passed away. And there shall be no night there, and they shall need no candle, neither light of the sun, for the Lord God giveth them light, and they shall reign for ever and ever."

SECTION TWO.

[*Containing the services to be performed at the grave.*]

N. G.—We are assembled, my brethren, in obedience to the commands of our Order, to fulfil the last duty we owe to our departed brother. God, in his infinite wisdom, hath seen fit to remove him from our midst into the lodge eternal, and we, his surviving brethren, in accordance with the usages of Odd-Fellowship, are about to commit his remains to the earth. And while we bow with resignation to his will, knowing that He doeth all things wisely, let the solemn lessons this event is designed to teach, sink deep in our hearts. It speaks to us in startling tones of warning, "Be ye also ready," for in an unexpected hour, and one that may perchance be near at hand, we shall be called on, like him we mourn, to exchange the possessions and pleasures of life for the coffin and the grave.

And still, how little heeded, alas, in the turmoil of life, are these solemn warnings! Ever and anon we are called on to follow our deceased brethren to their last resting-place. The pall, the sable plume, and the badges of grief are seldom absent from our sight. Yet, from the darkened house of mourning and the sacred silence of the cemetery, we go forth again to our wonted pursuit of the illuring bubbles of wealth, or pleasure, or fame—heedless, perhaps, of the frailty of life, and the certainty of its end.

How, truly, "In the midst of life are we in death."

The living of to-day become the dead of to-morrow. The *scythe* and the *hour-glass* are indeed fit emblems of man's existence; for as the flower and grass of the field are we cut down, and as a watch in the night do our lives pass away. No age, no rank, no condition is exempt from that decree, "Dust thou art and unto dust shalt thou return." Sooner or later, the inevitable hour must come, and we know not when to expect the dread summons—prepare to meet thy God!

Oh, may we be admonished by this solemn scene to so order our lives in Friendship, Love, and Truth that we may be prepared for the change that leads to life eternal, and that when we too are laid in our last resting-place by the hands of our brethren, the tear of sincere sorrow will be dropped on our graves, while the memory of our good deeds will be treasured up and our names blessed by those we leave behind us.

[Singing of the Ode.]

N. G.—The *evergreen* has been associated for centuries with the tomb and funeral rites. It was used by the ancient Christians as an emblem of immortality, and to denote their faith that though this body should dissolve into its original dust, the *soul* shall live and bloom in eternal freshness and glory beyond the grave. As ODD-FELLOWS we also deposit it in the tomb—

[Here the brothers will deposit their evergreens.]

of our deceased brother as a token that while we bury his frailties and imperfections with his body, the remembrance of his virtues and good deeds will dwell greenly in our memories.

[The cover may here be lowered.]

N. G.—Brother: Inasmuch as it hath pleased Almighty God to remove from this clayey tabernacle the soul that illumined it, we therefore commit thy mortal remains to their kindred element [sprinkling dirt upon the box]—"earth to earth, ashes to ashes, dust to dust"—and heap the clods of the valley upon thy bosom, sorrowing not without hope, for we know that death is but the entrance into a better life; and while we drop the tear over thy remains, we yet rejoice, for in that better land, where FRIENDSHIP is swallowed up in perfect LOVE, and TRUTH is unveiled to our vision, we will again clasp thy hand, clothed in body celestial. And we trust that through the infinite goodness of the All-merciful Father we may reform our broken circle in that glorious rest.

PRAYER.

Our Father and our God! Thou who art the resurrection and the life, in whom is centered all perfections, goodness and glory, hear, we beseech thee, the voice of thy unworthy creatures, and turn not away from our humble supplications. In the wise dispensation of thy providence it hath pleased thee to call from amongst us a brother whom we loved; and we, the surviving monuments of thy great mercy, have committed his remains to the tomb. Receive his spirit, oh! most merciful God, to thy presence, where is fullness of joy and pleasures for evermore.

[*If no widow, omit the following:*]

Hear, oh Lord, our prayer, and let the voice of our supplications come up accepted before thee, in behalf of the bereaved widow whom it hath pleased thee to add to the number of the disconsolate. Grant unto her, we beseech thee, the sweet influences of thy Holy Spirit to sustain and comfort her in this hour of deepest sorrow. Pour down from on high the rich blessings of thy grace, and the consolations of thy truth, that the light of thy countenance may shine upon the darkness of her woes, and enable her to say, from the heart, "The Lord gave and the Lord hath taken away; blessed be the name of the Lord."

[*If no children, omit the following.*]

Oh! Most Holy Father! hear us when we pray for the dear children that are left without a father's care. Be thou their father and their God; guide them through the perilous journey of life by thy wisdom, and shield them from its dangers by thy mighty power. If the hand of oppression or wrong shall be laid upon them, and their cry shall come up before thee, oh do thou plead their cause, and make bare in their defence that arm which is never shortened that it cannot save. Guide them safely to the end of life's journey, and receive them at last to thy habitation on high.

Bless, oh Heavenly Father, the brethren here assembled. Imbue us with the wisdom of thy laws and the spirit of thy love, that we may faithfully discharge every duty, and cheerfully abide all the trials of this mortal state. Bless, we beseech thee, our Order everywhere. Preserve its principles in their purity, so that it may accomplish much good to our race; and may we so walk that the widow and fatherless shall speak forth its praises, and the blessing of him that was ready to perish come upon our heads. Hear our prayer and give us gracious answers of peace, and to thy name be all the glory forever. *Amen.*

The hour of $3\frac{1}{2}$ o'clock having arrived, fixed by the special order for adjournment, the Lodge adjourned until to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 1864—9 O'CLOCK A. M.

The R. W. Grand Lodge assembled pursuant to adjournment. Present:

JAMES B. NICHOLSON .....M. W. Grand Sire.
RICHARD MARLEY.....R. W. D. Grand Sire, *p. t.*
JAMES L. RIDGELY.....R. W. Grand Cor. and Rec. Secretary.
JOSHUA VANSANT.....R. W. Grand Treasurer.
REV. I. D. WILLIAMSON .....R. W. Grand Chaplain.
B. W. DENNIS .....R. W. Grand Marshal.
AUGUSTUS PFAFF .....R. W. Grand Guardian.
JOHN E. CHAMBERLAIN.....R. W. Grand Messenger.

And a Representation from a quorum of Grand Bodies.

Prayer by the Rev. Bro. I. D. WILLIAMSON.

On motion of Rep. ESCAVAILLE, of Maryland, the reading of the Journal of yesterday was dispensed with.

The Jurisdictions being called, under the rule, for the presentation of business—

Rep. WOOD, of Rhode Island, presented the appeal of Friendly Union Lodge, of Rhode Island, against a decision of the Grand

Master of that State, which was referred to the Committee on Appeals.

Rep. SIMPSON, of Pennsylvania, from the Committee on Credentials, made the following report, which was read and accepted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

We, your Committee on Credentials, to whom was referred the credentials of P. G. M. S. BURRELL, of Oregon, claiming to be appointed the Representative from the Grand Lodge of that State, beg leave to report:

That there is no doubt that Bro. S. ELLSWORTH was duly elected the Representative, as the evidence of his election has been received and acted upon by this Grand Lodge; that said brother, in consequence of the illness of his wife, found himself at a late day compelled to forego the pleasure of attending the session; he therefore resigned, whereby a vacancy does now exist in the representation from that State. The evidence on which Brother BURRELL relies to support his claim is the authenticity of a telegraphic communication purporting to be from the Grand Master of that State. Your committee hesitate on making any recommendation in the case, lest it might be considered a precedent that would rule future cases. We therefore submit the case, with the above statement of facts, for the action of the Grand Lodge.

THO. T. SMILEY,
C. A. LOGAN,
EDWARD P. BURNHAM,
W. H. DIXON,
J. ALEX. SIMPSON.

Rep. NIXON, of Indiana, moved the following resolution:

Resolved, That Bro. BURRELL, from Oregon, be admitted on the authority of the telegraph of the Grand Secretary, but that this case shall not be deemed a precedent in future cases where distance will admit the transmission of credentials.

On motion of Rep. SANDERS, of Northern New York, the resolution was laid on the table.

Rep. SMILEY, of Tennessee, from the same committee, made the following report, which was adopted:

To the M. W. Grand Sire, Officers, and Members of the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

We, your Committee on Credentials, to whom was referred the certificate of appointment of P. G. P. E. H. BARRY, from the Grand Lodge of Indiana, beg leave to report, that the brother has been appointed by the M. W. Grand Master to fill the place of P. G. M. J. S. HARVEY, who is detained by reason of his connection with the army. It appearing to be correct, we recommend his admission.

THOS. T. SMILEY,
C. A. LOGAN,
EDWARD P. BURNHAM,
J. ALEXANDER SIMPSON.

The R. W. Grand Treasurer submitted his annual report as follows, which was read, and, on motion of Rep. MANTZ, of Maryland, was referred to the Committee on Finance:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

I have the honor to submit herewith my Annual Report of the receipts and disbursements for the fiscal year, commencing on the 23d September, 1863, and ending on the 19th September, inclusive, 1864.

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To cash balance in the Treasury, September 22, 1863, as per the report of the Finance Committee, page 3574 Journal of 1863....	$8,701 02
1863, Nov. 5—To six months' and two days' interest in gold on $6,000 of 5-20 U. S. Registered Bonds.....	181 99
Premium on the above at 45 per cent.....	81 80
1864, May 6—Six months' interest in gold on $6,000 of 5-20 U. S. Registered Bonds	180 00
Premium on the above at 74 per cent.....	133 20
1864, Sept. 19—This sum received from Grand Encampment of Wisconsin, in payment of draft and interest on same	84 00
To this sum received from Grand Secretary, JAMES L. RIDGELY, from 23d September, 1863, to September 19 inclusive, 1864.....	11,738 40
Total.....	$21,100 41

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1863, Sept.—By this sum paid to Grand Officers and Grand Representatives, who were in attendance at the session of 1863, on account of mileage and per diem, as per vouchers, from No. 1 to No. 77 inclusive, and according to report of the Commitee on Mileage and Per Diem, page 3595 of the Journal of 1863	7,403 50
1863, Sept. 24—Voucher No. 78, J. F. Sweitzer, services at session of Grand Lodge	10 00
" Oct. 13—Voucher No. 79, Philadelphia Daily News, advertising for proposals for printing Journal of Proceedings	49 60
" " "—Voucher No. 80, Baltimore Clipper, advertising for proposals for printing Journal of Proceedings...	30 00
" " "—Voucher No. 81, James Young, printing Daily Journal, etc.....	248 20
" " 26—Voucher No. 82, Farmers' and Planters' Bank, for collecting drafts	1 80
" Nov. 3—Voucher No. 83, James Young, Printing Charge Books.....	150 00
" " 9—Voucher No. 84, insurance on furniture of Grand Lodge.....	13 75
" Dec. 1—Voucher No. 85, Grand Secretary, J. L. Ridgely, for three months' salary.....	300 00
" " "—Voucher No. 86, Grand Messenger, J. E. Chamberlain, three months' salary....	175 00
" " "—Voucher No. 86, Grand Messenger, J. E. Chamberlain, for postages, office expenses, etc.....	59 85
" " 24—Voucher No. 87, F. A. Ellis, preparing Digest, etc.	200 00
" " 30—Voucher No. 88, Jas. Young, on account for printing Revised Journal.....	891 00
1864, Jan. 23—Voucher No. 88, Jas. Young, on account for printing Revised Journal	188 74
" " "—Voucher No. 89, Rawlings & Brunner, for blank book Journal.....	17 50
" Feb. 29—Voucher No. 90, Grand Secretary, J. L. Ridgely, three months' salary.....	300 00

1864, Feb. 29—Voucher No. 91, Grand Messenger, J. E. Chamberlain, three months' salary	175 00
" " "—Voucher No. 91, Grand Messenger, J. E. Chamberlain, postages, office expenses, etc.	47 50
" March 4—Voucher No. 92, G. F. Lewis, printing Diplomas	45 20
" April 11—Voucher No. 93, James Young, on account printing Index to Journal	300 00
" May 13—Voucher No. 94, Rawlings & Brunner, binding Journal	131 70
" " 14—Voucher No. 95, James Young, printing Index for Journal, etc	290 80
" June 2—Voucher No. 96, Grand Secretary, J. L. Ridgely, three months' salary	300 00
" " "—Voucher No. 97, Grand Messenger, J. E. Chamberlain, three months' salary	175 00
" " "—Voucher No. 97, Grand Messenger, J. E. Chamberlain, postages, office expenses, etc	46 24
" July 20—Voucher No. 98, E. Sandys, printing Cards	200 00
" Sept. 3—Voucher No. 99, Grand Lodge of Maryland, rent, fuel, and gaslight	275 00
" " "—Voucher No. 100, Grand Secretary, J. L. Ridgely, three months' salary	300 00
" " "—Voucher No. 101, Grand Messenger, J. E. Chamberlain, three months' salary	175 00
" " "—Voucher No. 101, Grand Messenger, J. E. Chamberlain, postages, office expenses, etc.	19 00
" " "—Voucher No. 102, J. W. Bond & Co., stationary	114 93
" Sept. 6—Voucher No. 103, G. F. Lewis, printing Diplomas.	91 60
" " 9—Voucher No. 104, F. A. Ellis, preparing Digest and Index to Journal	400 00
" " 12—Voucher No. 105, Harnden's Express, transportation of books, &c. to Boston	6 30
" " 14—Voucher No. 106, Grand Treasurer, J. Vansant, check and receipt stamps	1 91
" " "—Voucher No. 107, Grand Treasurer, J. Vansant, for twelve months' salary	200 00
Total	$13,334 12
Cash balance	7,766 29
	$21,100 41

The available assets of the Grand Lodge are, namely:

Cash balance as above stated	$7,766 29
United States 5-20 Registered Bonds, at par value	6,000 00
	$13,766 29

The demands upon the Treasury, in advance of the period when revenue will be realized from the sale of supplies, are estimated as follows:

Mileage and per diem for Grand Representatives who are in attendance at the present session, based upon the calculation of 5 cents for each mile travelled, and $3 per day for attendance	$9,700 00
Cost of Digest, already printed, including paper, binding, and stereotyping	1,000 00
Binding of Revised Journal, nearly all of which work has been performed	700 00
Printing Daily Journal of present session, including the Report of the Grand Secretary, and the Communication of the M. W. Grand Sire	250 00
Printing Revised Journal of the present session	1,200 00
Total required	$12,850 00

Inasmuch, therefore, as the cash balance in the Treasury, as exhibited above, is but $7,766.29, the Grand Lodge will of necessity be compelled to use the uninvested balance of the Wildey Monument Fund, or the greater portion thereof, and to reimburse the last named fund by the sale of such portion of its 5-20 registered bonds as may be adequate to that purpose, or to exchange such amount of its registered bonds as may be necessary for an equal amount of the coupon bonds now to the credit of the Monument Fund, and dispose of the latter, and apply the proceeds to the cancelling of the debt. The last named measure appears to the undersigned to be the most expedient, from considerations of greater security in holding registered bonds.

The revenue of the Grand Lodge for the fiscal year just closed, from the ordinary sources, was $11,822.40, being an increase over that of the year ending in September, 1863, of $1,782.06. The disbursements for the year ending on the 19th September, 1864, were $13,334.12, being an excess of disbursements, as compared with the preceding year, of $3,742.35.

Contingent upon the necessity of converting the registered bonds or a portion of the same into current funds before the next meeting of the Grand Lodge, I would respectfully suggest that the proper officers of the body be invested with authority to make a transfer of the same.

Fraternally yours,

JOSHUA VANSANT, *Grand Treasurer.*

SEPTEMBER 20, 1864.

The R. W. Grand Treasurer also submitted the following report on the Wildey Monument Fund, which was referred to the Committee on Finance:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States I. O. O. F.

I herewith submit a report of the condition of the Wildey Monument Fund:

RECEIPTS, VIZ:

1863.	Sept. 22—This amount in the possession of the Treasurer, as per the report of the Finance Committee on page 3574 of the Journal of 1863	$4,886	53
1864.	May 6—Interest in gold on $6,000 of United States 5-20 coupon bonds	192	13
	Premium on the above at 74 per cent.....	142	08
1864.	Sept. 13—Interest in gold on $6,000 of 5-20 United States coupon bonds and on $1,000 of 10-40 bonds...	205	00
	Premium on the above at 125 per cent.....	256	25
	This sum received from Grand Secretary, J. L. Ridgely, from 22d September, 1863, to September 19, inclusive, 1864, including in the same an acceptance for $674.10, which will be payable on the 12th October proximo.....	6,395	50
	Total receipts.....	$12,077	49

DISBURSEMENTS, VIZ:

1863.	Sept. 23—Discount on uncurrent funds, as per Voucher No. 1	1	43
"	" "—Counterfeit note on New York bank, as per Voucher No. 2	5	00
"	Oct. 10—Investment in United States 5-20 coupon bonds, as per Voucher No. 3.....	5,000	00
"	" "—Interest accrued on the same, as per Voucher No. 3	1	66

1863.	Oct. 22	—Cortlan & Co., for cash-box, as per Voucher No. 4	2 50
"	Dec. 1	—Grand Messenger Chamberlain, for postages, as per Voucher No. 5	1 49
1864.	Jan. 15	—Investment in United States 5-20 coupon bonds, as per Voucher No. 6	1,000 00
		Interest accrued on the above, as per Voucher No. 6	9 00
"	"	"—Counterfeit scrip, as per Voucher No. 7	2 00
"	April 14	—Investment in United States 10-40 bonds, as per Voucher No. 8	1,000 00
		Interest accrued on the above, as per Voucher No. 8	9 05
"	May 14	—James Young, printing circulars, as per Voucher No. 9	3 50
"	Sept. 8	—United States stamp on time draft for $674.10	35
"	" 9	—Receipt-stamps	12
		Total disbursements	$7,036 10
Cash balance uninvested, including the time acceptance for $674.10 due 12th October proximo			5,041 39
			$12,077 49

Abstract from the foregoing, showing the amount of the assets, viz:

United States bonds at par value	$7,000 00
Cash in the Treasury	4,367 29
Acceptance due 12th October, 1864	674 10
Total	$12,041 39
Deduct from the above amount the sum of $115.00 due E. F. Durang for design and plans for the Monument, and estimated sum due the Monument Committee for travelling expenses, etc., $64.40—total	179 00
And the nett assets appear to be	$11,862 39

Respectfully submitted.

JOSHUA VANSANT,

Grand Treasurer.

SEPTEMBER 20, 1864.

The R. W. Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary submitted the following supplementary report, which was referred to the Committee on Finance:

SUPPLEMENTARY STATEMENT *of Receipts of Grand Secretary after the close of the Annual Report, up to and including September* 19, 1864.

GRAND LODGES.	Cards.	Books.	Odes.	Diplomas.	Miscellaneous.	Rep. Tax.	TOTAL.
Southern New York..	$60 00	$30 00	.....	.....	.....	$150 00	$240 00
Minnesota	4 00	.....	10	.....	88	75 00	79 98
New Jersey.....	100 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	100 00
Northern New York..	125 00	33 50	.....	4 50	18	150 00	313 18
District of Columbia..	20 00	20 10	5 00	12 50	.....	150 00	207 60
Tennessee.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	150 00	150 00
Oregon	.....	.....	.....	.....	92 25	75 00	167 25
Delaware	20 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	20 00
Nebraska	.....	10 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	10 00
Thomas G. Steele, of West Virginia.....	15 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	15 00
	$344 00	$93 60	$5 10	$17 00	$93 31	$750 00	$1,303 01

SUPPLEMENTARY STATEMENT *of Receipts by the Grand Secretary after the close of his Annual Report, up to and including September* 19, 1864.

GRAND ENCAMPMENTS.	Cards.	Books.	Rep. Tax.	TOTAL.
Grand Encampment Missouri.....	.....	.....	$75 00	$75 00
Grand Encampment Maine	.....	.....	25 00	25 00
Grand Encampment District of Columbia	$10 00	.....	75 00	85 00
Grand Encampment Tennessee.....	.....	.....	75 00	75 00
Delaware Encampment, No. 1, Delaware	.....	$15 00	.....	15 00
	$10 00	$15 00	$250 00	$275 00

TOTAL RECEIPTS.

Representative Tax	Statement	$4,475 00	
	Supplementary	1,000 00	
			$5,475 00
Cards	Statement	2,839 00	
	Supplementary	354 00	
			3,193 00
Books	Statement	1,580 99	
	Supplementary	108 60	
			1,689 59
Diplomas	Statement	540 75	
	Supplementary	17 00	
			557 75
Dues	Statement	332 25	
			332 25
Odes	Statement	151 70	
	Supplementary	5 10	
			156 80
Miscellaneous	Statement	310 70	
	Supplementary	93 31	
			404 01
Charter	Statement	30 00	
			30 00
			$11,738 40

WILDEY MONUMENT FUND.

Iowa	$7 95
Minnesota	24 35
Illinois	32 00
District of Columbia	226 55
New Hampshire	11 20
	$302 05

Total Wildey Monument Fund.

Statement	$6,093 45
Supplementary	302 05
	$6,395 50

Rep. Davies, of Southern New York, from the committee on that subject, made the following report, which was considered and adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The special committee to whom was referred the reports of the Grand Sire and Grand Secretary, for distribution of the several subjects therein contained to suitable committees, ask leave to report—

That so much of the Report of the Grand Sire as relates to the death of Past Deputy Grand Sire William H. Young be referred to a special committee of three;

That so much of the Report of the Grand Sire as relates to his decisions, also that portion "in relation to Subordinate Lodges closing entirely and opening again on the same evening for the purpose of balloting for degrees," be referred to the Committee on the State of the Order;

That so much of his report as relates to Correspondence be referred to the Committee on Correspondence;

That so much of the Report, together with the copy of the special commission and circular letter to the Subordinate Lodges in Western Virginia, be referred to the Committee on the State of the Order;

That so much of the Report as relates to the action had by the Grand Lodge of California in respect to the admitting non-affiliated membership in the Order, be referred to the Legislative Committee;

That so much of the Grand Secretary's Report as relates to Grand Bodies not represented be referred to the Committee on Grand Bodies not Represented;

That so much of his Report as relates to the correspondence from P. G. Patriarch JOHN C. SMITH, of Illinois, be referred to Committee on Correspondence.

Respectfully submitted.

JOHN J. DAVIES,
JOS. S. JONES,
ALEX. K. MANTZ.

Rep. SIMPSON, of Pennsylvania, presented a communication from the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania on the subject of members of Lodges in the States in hostility to the United States obtaining admission to Lodges in the loyal States, which was referred to the Legislative Committee.

Rep. RANSOM, of Kentucky, presented the following proceeding of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, which was, on his motion, referred to the Committee on the State of the Order:

Resolved, That the Subordinate Lodges under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky be and they are hereby authorized and empowered to entertain the petition of persons who do not reside in the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, provided the person petitioning the Lodge shall live nearer the Lodge petitioned than any other Lodge out of the jurisdiction. And provided, further, that no petition shall be received nor person initiated where the consent of a foreign jurisdiction under the state of the country can be obtained, unless by the consent of that jurisdiction.

Rep. SLATER, of Ohio, presented the amended constitution of the Grand Encampment of Ohio, which was referred to the Committee on Constitutions.

Rep. ESCAVAILLE, of Maryland, moved the following preamble and resolutions, which were referred to the Legislative Committee:

WHEREAS a misapprehension has occurred, at least in one jurisdiction, in regard to the matter of the payment of the funeral benefits, growing out of the adoption by this Grand Lodge of a report from the Committee on Appeals, to be found on page 2957, Journal of Proceedings, and in order that the matter may be properly understood, be it

Resolved, That in the payment of sick and funeral benefits and funeral expenses, the Subordinate Lodges and Encampments are sovereign, both as to the amount of such benefits and the disposition of the same, so long as the benevolent and charitable features that underlie the institution of Odd-Fellowship are complied with, and the enactments of their respective State jurisdictions in that connection are obeyed.

Rep. ESCAVAILLE, of Maryland, moved the following, which was referred to the Legislative Committee:

WHEREAS a number of Brothers in the several State jurisdictions have become *non-affiliated* with the Order by reason of the dissolution of their respective Lodges and Encampments, and, in consequence of old age, cannot again unite or renew their membership in the Order, and whereas means should be provided for at least a partial affiliation with the Order in such cases, be it therefore

Resolved, That the several State jurisdictions be and they are hereby empowered to enact such laws as will enable brothers who have lost their membership by reason of the dissolution of Lodges and Encampments, and are unable in consequence of age, and from no other cause, to again connect themselves with the Order to the extent that they may become visiting brothers, and in the event of death, to be interred with the funeral ceremonies of the Order; but in no case to become either active or honorary members of Lodges or Encampments.

Resolved, As the sense of this Grand Lodge, that the foregoing may become effective, the State jurisdictions are hereby fraternally recommended to authorize their Grand Secretaries and Grand Scribes to communicate to brothers who may be situated as above described the term P. W., and to furnish them with a certificate setting forth that they were members in good standing of a defunct Lodge or Encampment, upon the payment of such fee as may be determined by law; and in the event of the death of such brothers it shall be the duty of the M. W. Grand Master to delegate the officers of such Lodge in his jurisdiction as he may select to inter the remains of the brother with the funeral ceremonies of the Order.

Resolved, That the several State jurisdictions are fraternally requested to form such auxiliary associations whereby a fund may be created for the benefit of brothers circumstanced as set forth in the foregoing preamble and resolutions.

The Chair named the following special committee:

Special Committee on the Death of Deputy Grand Sire William H. Young: Reps. ELLIS, of Maryland; GILMAN, of Michigan; BARRY, of Indiana.

Rep. RANSOM, of Kentucky, submitted the following inquiries from the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, which were referred to the Committee on the State of the Order:

1. Are fines in Subordinate Lodges to be considered as dues?
2. If a brother owes seven weeks' dues and two dollars fines, is the brother debarred from all pecuniary benefits?

On motion of Rep. ELLIS, of Maryland, the Chair was authorized to appoint a Committee on the Unfinished Business of the last session.

The Chair named the following Representatives as the committee:

Committee on Unfinished Business: Reps. ELLIS, of Maryland; SHUSTER, of California; BURWELL, of Connecticut.

The M. W. Grand Sire presented a communication from Bro. G. H. SCHMIDT, asking such legislation as may be necessary to enable him to affiliate with the Order in California, which was referred to the Committee on Petitions.

Rep. LOGAN, of Kansas, moved the following resolution, which was referred to the Committee on Finance:

Resolved, That the Committee on Finance is hereby instructed to inquire into and report upon the expediency of establishing a form of card for the use of members of defunct Lodges, to be engraved and furnished to State Grand Lodges at a fixed rate, as other supplies.

Rep. CASSEDY, of New Jersey, from the Legislative Committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

Your Legislative Committee, to whom were referred the preamble and resolutions presented by Rep. STOKES, of Pennsylvania, relative to the diversion of the funds and property of a Lodge or Encampment from the objects and purposes for which they shall have been collected, have considered the same, and come to the conclusion that the evil complained of is one which demands the action of this Grand Lodge for its arrest. We, therefore, recommend the adoption of the following preamble and resolutions:

WHEREAS a practice has grown up in some of the different State jurisdictions amongst the Subordinate Lodges and Encampments holding charters from their respective State Grand Bodies of dividing the funds and property of the Lodge or Encampment (designed only for the use and benefit of brethren of the Order in sickness and distress) amongst the members thereof, that are neither disabled, sick, or in distress, contrary to the laws, usages, and customs of the Order from its earliest history;

AND WHEREAS, by the terms and express language of the charters under which all working Lodges and Encampments are authorized to impose certain dues and collect contributions from their members, the power is conferred for the purpose of accumulating a fund for the benefit of "sick brothers or brothers in distress;" that said funds are *trust funds*, and the Lodges or Encampments are but *trustees;* that said funds, having been contributed under and by authority of the charter, are for the objects and purposes therein expressed and for no other; and that any diversion from the real object or intention, as expressed in said charter or the laws of the body from which said charter emanated, is a wrongful and tortuous diversion of the funds so collected, and which has impressed upon it the great principle of *Trust, Benevolence, and Charity;*

AND WHEREAS the primary object of this Grand Lodge is to build up, protect, and perpetuate, to the latest time, a charity which shall command the admiration of the present and future generations with the fond hope of making it one of the noblest charities the world has ever seen; therefore,

Resolved, That this Grand Lodge does hereby declare all attempts to divert the funds or property of a Lodge or Encampment from the objects and purposes for which they were in the name of our Order collected, by dividing or appropriating them to some other object or purpose before breaking up or surrendering their charter, to be wrong and dishonorable, and in direct violation of the *trust* which they have voluntarily assumed.

Resolved, That the funds and property collected under and by authority of a charter duly granted to a Lodge or Encampment of the Independent Order of Odd-Fellows are *trust funds*, and can be applied only to the objects for which they were collected, and that when a Lodge or Encampment shall fail from any cause to continue as a working body and yield up its charter, the money and property of whatever kind of which it may be possessed and belonging thereto must be surrenderd up to and paid over to the State Grand Body from which it derived its authority, and that no diversion of the funds or property or other disposition of it, except for the legitimate objects of the Order, can or will be recognised or tolerated by this Grand Lodge.

Resolved, That State Grand Bodies are directed to enact such laws as will most effectually put a stop to all such practices, and affix such penalties to the acts as will prevent any member participating therein, from ever again uniting with the Order, without first making due reparation therefor.

Resolved, That, when the laws of the Order shall be ineffectual for the purpose, the State Grand Bodies shall be justified in invoking the laws of the country to compel a surrender of the *trust funds* to the proper parties and objects.

Resolved, That all State Grand Bodies, which have not heretofore legislated on this subject, are hereby directed to enact suitable and appropriate laws and regulations for the care of the funds and the property of defunct Lodges and Encampments; which shall thereafter become a separate *trust* or fund, to be em-

ployed and used under the direction of such Grand Body, or committee duly constituted by them, in aiding and assisting working Lodges and Encampments when in need of funds to sustain them in their organization.

Resolved, That, for the purpose of enabling Grand Bodies the more effectually to avail themselves of the means to obtain redress in the matters referred to, said Grand Bodies are hereby advised to obtain for themselves legislative acts of incorporation.

Fraternally submitted by
GEO. W. CASSEDY,
R. A. LAMBERTON,
J. GRISWOLD,
THOS. T. SMILEY,
H. L. PAGE.

Rep. LAMBERTON, of Pennsylvania, moved the following preamble and resolutions, which were referred to the Legislative Committee:

WHEREAS, from various causes, it at times has occurred that Subordinate Lodges and Encampments, failing of success, have found it necessary or expedient to surrender their respective charters; and

WHEREAS, in such cases, it has oftentimes happened that some of the members in such Lodges or Encampments have attained an age so advanced as to render it impracticable for them, in some of the jurisdictions, to obtain beneficial membership in other working Lodges or Encampments; therefore

Resolved, That, in the judgment of this Grand Lodge, no detriment could, as a rule, arise to the Order by the admission, as non-beneficial members, into Subordinate Lodges and Encampments of brothers of advanced age, who were in good standing at the time of the surrender of the charters of their respective Lodges and Encampments, upon such terms and conditions as may be prescribed by general or special laws of the respective State jurisdictions.

Resolved, That the several jurisdictions subordinate to this Grand Lodge are hereby recommended to provide such suitable legislation as may be requisite to enable working Lodges and Encampments to receive, as non-beneficial members, such members of defunct Lodges and Encampments as were in good standing at the time of the dissolution of their respective Lodges or Encampments, and who, by the reason of their advanced age, are now ineligible to beneficial membership, thereby preserving to the Order the experience and ability of many worthy brethren.

Rep. SMILEY, of Tennessee, presented a petition from the Grand Lodge of Tennessee, upon the subject of the admission of members from defunct Lodges, which was referred to the Committee on Petitions.

On motion of Rep. STOKES, of Pennsylvania, the Lodge resolved itself into secret session.

After some hours passed in secret session, the Lodge resumed its ordinary business, when the time fixed for recess, viz. 12 o'clock, having arrived, the M. W. Grand Sire declared the Lodge at recess for thirty minutes.

12½ O'CLOCK.

The Lodge re-assembled pursuant to the order for recess.

The M. W. Grand Sire, from the special committee on that subject, made the following report, which was received:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The undersigned, in pursuance of the authority conferred upon the Grand Sire, Deputy Grand Sire, and Grand Secretary, to approve the Digest under preparation by G. Rep. F. A. Ellis, of Maryland, when completed, and submitted to them in manuscript or proof-sheets, respectfully report that proof-sheets of the work were submitted to them from time to time, as the printing progressed, which they examined with as much care as their time and the circumstances in which the proofs were received would admit of, and having found the work, as they believe, to be an able and faithful representation and digest of the laws of the Grand Lodge of the United States, have great pleasure in certifying their approval of the same. The work has been printed and bound, a few copies of which are in possession of the Grand Secretary, subject to the disposition of the Grand Lodge.

JAMES B. NICHOLSON,
Grand Sire.
JAMES L. RIDGELY,
Cor. Secretary.

On motion of Rep. Leech, of Iowa, it was ordered that one copy of the new Digest be furnished to each Grand Body present.

On motion of Rep. Escavaille, of Maryland, it was resolved that the order fixing the election of Grand Officers as the special order for one o'clock this day be discharged.

On his further motion, it was resolved that the Lodge now proceed to the nomination and election of Grand Officers for the ensuing term.

The following nominations were made for the office of Most Worthy Grand Sire:

By Rep. Lamberton, of Pennsylvania, P. G. M. I. M. Veitch, of Missouri.

By Rep. Davies, of Southern New York, P. G. M. J. P. Sanders, of Northern New York.

By Rep. Chidsey, of Ohio, P. G. M. E. D. Farnsworth, of Tennessee.

By Rep. Shuster, of California, P. G. M. G. W. Cassedy, of New Jersey.

Rep. E. D. Farnsworth, of Tennessee, asked leave to withdraw his name as a candidate for the office of M. W. Grand Sire which the Lodge refused to grant.

The nominations being closed, the Chair named Reps. Barry, of Indiana, and Gilman, of Michigan, as tellers, and the Lodge proceeded to the election.

The tellers reported that sixty-eight ballots had been cast, of which number

P. G. M. Veitch received	32	votes.
P. G. M. Sanders "	16	"
P. G. M. Cassedy "	4	"
P. G. M. Farnsworth "	15	"

and that no election had been had; whereupon the Lodge proceeded again to the election.

Rep. CASSEDY asked and obtained leave to withdraw his name as a candidate for the office of M. W. Grand Sire.

Rep. STOKES, of Pennsylvania, asked and obtained leave to withdraw the name of P. G. M. FARNSWORTH as a candidate for the office of M. W. Grand Sire.

The tellers, having received the ballots of the Representatives, reported that sixty-eight ballots had been cast, of which number

P. G. M. VEITCH received	.....	40 votes.
P. G. M. SANDERS "	.....	28 "

and that Past Grand Master VEITCH, of Missouri, had received a majority of the votes cast.

The M. W. Grand Sire now announced that P. G. M. ISAAC M. VEITCH, of Missouri, was the duly elected Most Worthy Grand Sire for the ensuing term.

The Lodge now proceeded to nominations for the office of Right Worthy Deputy Grand Sire, when the following were made:

By Rep. SMITH, of Connecticut, P. G. M. DENNIS, of Michigan.

By Rep. DIXON, of Indiana, P. G. M. FARNSWORTH, of Tennessee.

By Rep. HAVENNER, of District of Columbia, P. G. Secretary J. B. ESCAVAILLE, of Maryland.

By Rep. TERWILLIGER, of Northern New York, P. G. M. J. P. SANDERS, of Northern New York.

By Rep. ESCAVAILLE, of Maryland, P. G. M. WILLIAM E. PARMENTER, of Massachusetts.

By Rep. CAMPBELL, of Indiana, P. G. M. E. H. BARRY, of Indiana.

By Rep. WOOD, of Rhode Island, P. G. M. D. WILKINSON, of Rhode Island.

By Rep. LOGAN, of Kansas, P. G. M. KIDDER, of New Hampshire.

By Rep. GRISWOLD, of Illinois, P. G. M. GEORGE W. CASSEDY, of New Jersey.

Reps. ESCAVAILLE, of Maryland, and BARRY, of Indiana, asked and obtained leave to withdraw their names as candidates for the office of R. W. Deputy Grand Sire.

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The tellers, having received the votes of the Representatives, reported that sixty-five ballots had been cast, of which number

P. G. M. Dennis had received	7	votes.
P. G. M. Farnsworth "	15	"
P. G. M. Sanders "	14	"
P. G. M. Parmenter "	6	"
P. G. M. Wilkinson "	1	"
P. G. M. Kidder "	9	"
P. G. M. Cassedy "	13	"

and that no election had been had; whereupon the Lodge again proceeded to the election.

The tellers, having received the votes of the Representatives, reported that sixty-five ballots had been cast, of which number

P. G. M. Farnsworth had received	15	votes.
P. G. M. Sanders " "	21	"
P. G. M. Dennis " "	2	"
P. G. M. Parmenter " "	5	"
P. G. M. Kidder " "	5	"
P. G. M. Cassedy " "	14	"

and that no election was had; whereupon the Lodge proceeded again to the election.

Rep. Stokes, of Pennsylvania, asked and obtained leave to withdraw the name of P. G. M. Farnsworth, of Tennessee.

Rep. Tucker, of Massachusetts, asked and obtained leave to withdraw the name of P. G. M. Parmenter, of Massachusetts.

The tellers, having received the votes of Representatives, reported that sixty-four ballots had been cast, of which number

P. G. M. Sanders had received	44	votes.
P. G. M. Dennis " "	1	"
P. G. M. Kidder " "	6	"
P. G. M. Cassedy " "	13	"

and that P. G. Master J. P. Sanders, of Northern New York, had received a majority of the votes polled.

The M. W. Grand Sire proclaimed accordingly that P. G. M. J. P. Sanders, of Northern New York, was the duly chosen R. W. Deputy Grand Sire for the ensuing term.

The Lodge now proceeded to nominations for the office of R. W. Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary, when the following was made:

By P. G. M. Simpson, of Pa., P. G. M. James L. Ridgely, of Maryland.

The nominations having been closed, the Lodge proceeded to the election. The tellers, having received the votes of the Representa-

tives, reported that sixty ballots had been cast; all of which had been polled for P. G. M. JAMES L. RIDGELY, of Maryland.

Whereupon the M. W. Grand Sire declared that P. G. M. JAMES L. RIDGELY, of Maryland, was the duly chosen R. W. Grand Recording and Corresponding Secretary for the ensuing term.

The Lodge now proceeded to nominations for the office of R. W. Grand Treasurer, when the following was made:

By Rep. SANDERS, of Northern New York, P. G. M. JOSHUA VANSANT, of Maryland.

The nomination being closed, the Lodge proceeded to the election, when the tellers, having received the ballots of the Representatives, reported that sixty ballots had been cast, all of which were polled for P. G. M. JOSHUA VANSANT, of Maryland.

Whereupon the M. W. Grand Sire proclaimed that P. G. M. JOSHUA VANSANT, of Maryland, was the duly elected R. W. Grand Treasurer for the ensuing term.

On motion, the Lodge now resolved itself into secret session.

After some hours passed in secret session the Lodge resumed its ordinary business,

When Rep. JONES, of Massachusetts, presented the following communication:

BOSTON, September 20th, 1864.

P. C. P. WILLIAM B. MAY respectfully requests the pleasure of the company of the Most Worthy Grand Sire, officers and members of the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, on Wednesday evening next, at 8 o'clock, at his residence, 31 St. James Street, Roxbury.

On motion of Rep. TERWILLIGER, of Northern New York, the invitation was unanimously accepted.

The hour fixed for adjournment, 3½ o'clock, having arrived, the M. W. Grand Sire declared the Lodge adjourned until to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 1864—9 O'CLOCK A. M.

The R. W. Grand Lodge assembled pursuant to adjournment. Present:

JAMES B. NICHOLSON .....M. W. Grand Sire.
RICHARD MARLEY.....R. W. D. Grand Sire, *p. t.*
JAMES L. RIDGELY.....R. W. Grand Cor. and Rec. Secretary.
JOSHUA VANSANT.....R. W. Grand Treasurer.
REV. I. D. WILLIAMSON .....R. W. Grand Chaplain.
B. W. DENNIS .....R. W. Grand Marshal.
AUGUSTUS PFAFF .....R. W. Grand Guardian.
JOHN E. CHAMBERLAIN.....R. W. Grand Messenger.

And a Representation from a quorum of Grand Bodies.

Prayer by the Rev. Bro. I. D. WILLIAMSON.

The R. W. Deputy Grand Sire, by order of the M. W. Grand Sire, declared the Lodge open for business.

On motion of Rep. TERWILLIGER, of Northern New York, the reading of the Journal of yesterday was dispensed with.

On motion of Rep. TERWILLIGER, of Northern New York, the Lodge agreed to take up, for consideration, the resolution of Rep. DIXON, of Indiana, page 3655 Revised Journal, as follows:

Resolved, That Bro. BURRELL, from Oregon, be admitted, on the authority of the telegraph of the Grand Secretary, but that this case shall not be deemed a precedent in future cases where distance will admit the transmission of credentials.

Rep. MERRIAM, of Iowa, moved to amend the resolution, by striking out all after the word "Secretary," in the second line, which was resolved in the affirmative.

Rep. LAMB, of New Jersey, moved that the subject of the resolution of Rep. DIXON, of Indiana, be indefinitely postponed, which was resolved in the negative.

The question recurring on the resolution of Rep. DIXON, of Indiana—

Rep. LOGAN, of Kansas, moved to amend as follows: "That in view of the testimony in possession of this Grand Lodge, corroborative of the telegraphic credentials of Rep. M. S. BURRELL, from the Grand Lodge of Oregon, said Representative is hereby admitted to a seat."

Rep. JUDD, of Wisconsin, moved to amend the amendment as follows: "Provided that mileage be allowed only from the city of New York to this place," which was agreed to. The question now being

on the amendment of Rep. LOGAN, of Kansas, as amended, it was agreed to, and the resolution of Rep. DIXON, of Indiana, as amended, was resolved in the affirmative.

The Jurisdictions being called, under the rule, Rep. WEMMELL, of Southern New York, presented the appeal of Mercantile Lodge, No. 47, of Southern New York, which was referred to the Committee on Appeals.

Rep. RUCKER, of Illinois, offered the following resolution, to amend the By-Laws, which was laid on the table under the rule:

Resolved, That Article XXII. of the By-Laws of this Grand Lodge be amended as follows:

Strike out of the first paragraph the words "aprons and," and the words "the aprons of the elective and appointed officers shall be white, trimmed with the color of the collar or sash indicated for the office;" and insert in place of the words last mentioned the words "The Regalia for an initiatory member shall be a white apron."

Strike out of the second paragraph the words "and aprons—either white, trimmed with scarlet, or scarlet, trimmed with white. The aprons and collars, or sashes of Past Grands;" and insert in their place the word "which."

Strike out of the fourth paragraph the words "and the aprons and collars," where they occur in the latter part of the first sentence, and the words "and aprons," where they occur in the last sentence in that paragraph, and insert in the paragraph after the word "gloves" the words "for members of the Patriarchal and Golden Rule Degrees."

Rep. FARNSWORTH, of Tennessee, moved the following preamble and resolution, which were referred to the Legislative Committee:

WHEREAS it is the practice of some Subordinate Lodges, by permission of their respective Grand Lodges, to expell members for non payment of dues—a practice which is not calculated, under any circumstances, to promote good feeling within or without the Lodges, and whereas this Grand Lodge has frequently expressed its disapprobation of such harsh proceedings, as contrary to the spirit and principles of Odd-Fellowship:

Resolved, That the Legislative Committee inquire into the expediency of reporting some action that will prevent, in future, Subordinate Lodges from inflicting the extreme punishment of expulsion, except for other cause than non-payment of dues.

Rep. PAGE, of Wisconsin, moved the following preamble and resolution, which were referred to a special committee:

WHEREAS statements have been made in the public prints, which have been sadly confirmed through the members of our Order, showing that in many cases where Lodge rooms have been in the path of war their sanctity has been invaded, their appurtenances exposed to prying curiosity, and the books, papers, and most sacred records ruthlessly destroyed; and

WHEREAS it is represented, in other instances, that the Halls and Lodge rooms have been taken from the members, and used for the most common purposes of the army and its followers; and

WHEREAS the noble charities to which our Order is devoted and its Halls are consecrated recognise no political or sectional differences, but extends its labors to the relief of the distressed, visiting the sick, and burying the dead, wherever found, and is entitled to the protection of every civilized government, and that it

is fit and proper this Grand Lodge, as the supreme representative body of the Order on this continent, should exert all the means within its power for the protection of the interests of the Brotherhood, therefore

Resolved, That a special committee of five be appointed to consider what, if any, means can be adopted for relief in the premises.

Rep. LOGAN, of Kansas, presented the following proceeding of Far West Encampment, No. 1, of Kansas:

HALL OF FAR WEST ENCAMPMENT, No. 1, I. O. O. F.
LEAVENWORTH CITY, KANSAS, Sept. 9, 1864.

To the Officers and Members of the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

You are respectfully informed that at a regular meeting of this Encampment, held September 9, 1864, the following resolution was unanimously adopted and ordered to be furnished your R. W. Body under the proper authentication:

Resolved, That R. W. Grand Rep. C. A. LOGAN is requested to use his influence to have this Encampment, now working under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of the United States, transferred or attached to the R. W. Grand Encampment of Missouri, until such time as there may be the requisite number of Patriarchs in the State of Kansas to petition for a Grand Encampment.

Attest: H. D. McCARTY, *C. P.*
D. P. WINGET, *Scribe.*

Rep. LOGAN, of Kansas, in connection with the above proceeding, moved the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That Far West Encampment, No. 1, located at Leavenworth City, Kansas, is hereby attached to the jurisdiction of the Grand Encampment of Missouri, until there may be a sufficient number of Patriarchs in the State of Kansas to petition for a State Grand Encampment.

The Chair named the following as the committee provided for by the resolution of Rep. PAGE, of Wisconsin:

Reps. PAGE, of Wisconsin, STOKES, of Pennsylvania, Past Grand Sire KENNEDY, Reps. PIPER, of District of Columbia, FARNSWORTH, of Tennessee.

D. D. Grand Sire MITCHELL, of Vermont, being present, at the suggestion of the M. W. Grand Sire, and with leave of the Lodge, made an interesting and detailed statement of the condition of the Order in Vermont, upon the conclusion of which

Rep. STOKES, of Pennsylvania, moved that the M. W. Grand Sire be and he is hereby requested to appoint a suitable brother to visit the State of Vermont, and that the sum of two hundred dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, be appropriated to defray the expense of said mission; which was resolved in the affirmative.

Rep. LEECH, of Iowa, from the Committee on Constitutions, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Commitee on Constitutions, to whom was referred the amended Constitution of the Grand Encampment of the District of Columbia, have examined

the same, and, finding it to be in conformity with the laws of this Grand Body, would respectfully recommend that the same be approved.

Respectfully submitted.

ERIE J. LEECH,
C. A. LOGAN,
BENJ. M. PARKER,
J. D. POLLARD,
SAM'L I. BRIDGE.

Rep. LOGAN, of Kansas, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Constitutions, to whom was referred the amendments to article 1st, section 3d, clause 2d, of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Iowa, would report that, finding nothing therein contravening established law or usage, would recommend their adoption.

C. A. LOGAN,
BENJ. M. PARKER,
J. D. POLLARD,
ERIE J. LEECH,
SAM'L I. BRIDGE.

Rep. POLLARD, of Kentucky, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Constitutions, to whom was referred the proposed amendment to the Constitution of the R. W. Grand Encampment of Ohio, would respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and find no principle involved, but all in accordance with the laws. Your committee would therefore recommend an approval of the same.

J. D. POLLARD,
BENJ. M. PARKER,
C. A. LOGAN,
SAMUEL I. BRIDGE,
ERIE J. LEECH.

Rep. ESCAVAILLE, of Maryland, from the Special Committee on the Wildey Monument, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Special Committee having in charge the matter of the erection of a suitable monument to the memory of the late Past Grand Sire THOMAS WILDEY beg leave respectfully to report, that, soon after the adjournment of the last annual session of the Grand Lodge, the Committee met and organized, by electing M. W. Grand Sire JAS. B. NICHOLSON, of Pennsylvania, Chairman, and Rep. JOS. B. ESCAVAILLE, of Maryland, as Secretary. In order that the object of the Grand Lodge might be consummated, with as little delay as possible, and that the fund should be ample for the purpose, it was determined to address a circular letter to each of the Jurisdictions, inviting their attention to the matter of subscriptions to the Wildey Monument Fund, and requesting them to make a report thereof to the R. W. Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary, not later than the first day of January of the present year. The response to the circular of the committee will be seen in the report of the Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary, made to the present session of the Grand Lodge.

The next matter to be determined by the committee was the selection of the place for the erection of the monument. The committee was unanimous in the selection of the city of Baltimore, as the most appropriate place for the erection of a monument to our departed Past Grand Sire, the lamented THOMAS WILDEY. The selection of the particular locality in said city to erect the monument was assigned to the members of the committee residing in the city of Baltimore; whereupon they unanimously agreed that "Druid Hill Park" presented the most attractive features for the location of the monument, it being a place of great public resort, and otherwise appropriate to commemorate the memory of WILDEY, and perpetuate the Order in its erection. A correspondence was accordingly opened with the Commissioners of "Druid Hill Park," asking that a spot of ground might be assigned, within its bounds upon which to erect the monument. After some little delay, an answer was received from the Commissioners of the Park to the request of the committee, suggesting certain modifications in the design of the monument, upon which being made they would grant the spot of ground asked for. The committee, believing that the modifications as suggested by the Park Commissioners would mar, if not entirely destroy, the beautiful proportions of the monument, were constrained to decline the offer made them by the Commissioners of "Druid Hill Park." The exact location of the monument in the city of Baltimore is therefore in the hands of the members of the committee residing in that city, and will be determined upon at the earliest moment practicable.

The place having been selected, the committee were called together on the 22d day of June last, in the city of Philadelphia, to decide upon a suitable design, and to take such steps as might be necessary to put the work under contract. At said meeting a design was adopted, and such other matters agreed upon as to facilitate the trust confided to the committee.

The design as adopted by the committee, which is herewith submitted, was prepared by EDWARD F. DURANG, Esq., an architect of the city of Philadelphia, who has furnished the committee with the following detailed description of the monument:

"The object of the design is to convey, in a memorial to Past Grand Sire THOMAS WILDEY, the founder of the Independent Order of Odd-Fellows in America, the idea of his connection with and fostering care of the Order, whose intent it is to support throughout all quarters of the world the principle of CHARITY, and that this Order was raised on a comparatively rough field of operations, until it has attained beautiful and commanding proportions. To embody the main features of this train of history in the proposed monumental structure, the design includes a rough or natural rocky-faced granite base, nine feet square, with its diagonal points setting truly with the points of the compass. From this arises the white marble base of the superstructure. On this base block, on the four triangles which are curved in elevation, are carved in *bas-relievo* the productions of the North American continent. Above this base or plinths, is the dado, or pedestal, having on the eastern face the seal of the Grand Lodge of the United States, carved in *bas-relievo*. On the northern and southern faces, carvings of similar character of FAITH and HOPE; the western face to contain the memorial inscription to Past Grand Sire THOMAS WILDEY.

"The pedestal supports a full Order of the Grecian Doric Architecture, typifying, by the beauty of its proportions and the simplicity of its character, the Independent Order of Odd-Fellows. On the four faces of the frieze of the entablature are carved the emblems of the Order—the three links, the heart and hand, the bundle of rods, and the globe. The Order appropriately supports a life-size figure of CHARITY protecting orphans, thus blending the theory and principles of the Fraternity with the recollections of the services of Past Grand Sire WILDEY. The entire height of the structure is fifty feet."

The design as adopted by the committee, together with the necessary working drawings, were procured from the artist at a cost of $115.00.

The necessary drawings being in the hands of the committee, proposals were invited from competent artists in the cities of Philadelphia and Baltimore for the erection of the proposed structure. In response to said invitation, the committee have received estimates for the erection of the proposed monument from two par-

ties, the lowest and most favorable being that of Messrs. TARR & BEVAN, and the committee have awarded them the work, but have not as yet entered into a contract with them for the same, in consequence of there being a deficiency of about twenty-five hundred dollars ($2,500) to complete the structure. The committee would therefore recommend the adoption of the appended resolutions:

Resolved, That the committee be and they are hereby empowered to enter into contract with Messrs. TARR & BEVAN for the erection of the "WILDEY Monument."

Resolved, That the R. W. Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary be requested to address a circular letter to the several State jurisdictions, as soon after adjournment of this Grand Lodge as practicable, inviting their attention to the deficiency in means, and earnestly requesting them to make such contributions as will enable the committee to have the structure completed with as little delay as possible.

JOS. B. ESCAVAILLE,
JAMES B. NICHOLSON,
J. W. STOKES,
GEO. SMITH,
JOSHUA VANSANT,
JAS. L. RIDGELY.

Rep. GILMAN, of Michigan, rose in his place, and addressed the Lodge as follows:

MOST WORTHY GRAND SIRE: I rise to announce to this body the death of P. G. Rep. W. HUNTINGTON SMITH, of the jurisdiction of Michigan.

It is not my intention to pronounce any eulogy upon the life, character, and services of Brother SMITH. The language of truth is always the best eulogy.

Brother SMITH was a good man. A warmer and truer heart never beat. He loved the image of God wherever it might be found. The poor ever found in him "a friend in need:" the aged a companion; the young a counsellor, whose advice was safe; and the erring ones, who, while he gently rebuked their faults, kindly—

"Allured to brighter worlds and led the way."

As a patriot, he forgot party in his love for country. At her call for volunteers he recruited a company for the 20th Regiment Michigan Infantry, was commissioned as its captain; before his regiment left the State, was promoted to major: soon after to lieutenant colonel, and on the 16th of October, 1863, while leading his command at the battle of Campbell Station, Tennessee, was suddenly stricken down, honored and beloved by all his associates.

Brother SMITH was a good Odd-Fellow. With him Odd-Fellowship was not a mere sentiment, but a principle, which he exemplified in his daily life. Always prompt at the post of duty, cheerfully contributing his time and means to promulgate and spread the principles of our Order, his loss is severely felt, and his death deeply mourned throughout our jurisdiction.

"None knew him but to love him,
None named him but to praise."

A tender husband, a kind father, an affectionate friend, an accommodating neighbor, a pure patriot, and a devoted christian has passed from earth.

His labors and his suffering are over. He will meet us no more as he was wont to do in days gone by. But the memory of his deeds and the influence of his life and character are with us still. He speaks through these. Let us listen to such voices, and may our hearts be made better by the teachings we receive.

Rep. GRISWOLD, of Illinois, rose in his place, and addressed the Lodge as follows:

MOST WORTHY GRAND SIRE: Upon me devolves the sad duty of announcing to this Grand Lodge the death of Past Grand Master and Past Grand Represen-

tative A. C. MARSH, of the jurisdiction of Illinois. He died at Quincy, in that State, on the 7th day of April last, after a short but severe illness, aged 54 years.

Brother MARSH was a tried and zealous member of our fraternity. Prompt and regular in his attendance upon the sessions of his Grand and Subordinate Lodges, and earnest in the discharge of his duties, and in his devotion to the principles of the brotherhood, his ability and sterling worth early won for him high consideration among the brethren in his own State, by whom he was elected Grand Master, and subsequently was by them returned as a member of this Grand Body during the sessions of 1858 and 1859.

In his loss, our Order mourns the departure of one of its most useful members, his country a faithful and devoted citizen. May he awake to a glorious resurrection beyond the swelling tide of time!

Rep. BRIDGE, of Wisconsin, rose in his place, and addressed the Lodge as follows:

MOST WORTHY GRAND SIRE: Sometimes in our mad pursuit of this world's wealth and honors, confused by its busy hum and dazzled by its glare, a chill shadow creeps over us, and from its depths come the words, "Be still, and know that I am God." Better would it be for us if we oftener paused to ponder over His providences, and learn from them the lessons of admonition and warning which they are designed to teach.

Since you last met together death has claimed another victim, another widow is weeping, and little children wait and watch in vain for the familiar step, the welcome voice, the fond caress of a father. A form that should have been with us to-day lies silent and cold beneath the prairie sod of his far Western home.

Past Grand Master and Grand Representative HENRY O. WILSON, of Wisconsin, died of a lingering consumption on the 27th February last.

For many years a member of our Order, he has left behind him a bright and almost peerless record of fidelity to its principles and devotion to its welfare. A charter member of seven Lodges and two Encampments, he deservedly received at their hands all the honors in their power to bestow. On his entrance into the Grand Lodge of his State his abilities and zeal were early recognised. After filling several inferior offices, he was, in the session of 1848, elected its Grand Master, being the second incumbent of that chair. Twice has he occupied a seat with you, and at the session of his Grand Encampment, in January last, he was chosen again to represent it in this Body.

I was much with him during his last illness, and all through his dying hours. I wondered as I witnessed his patient bearance of long continued and excrutiating pains—his forgetfulness of self, as he looked upon the saddened faces around him—his perfect resignation to the will of the Great Master. His desire to live was for his wife and little ones. No selfish thoughts mixed with the pure gold of his nature. Fain would he have done a little more work for them before he laid him down to sleep. The interests of our Order were near and dear to him; and though long debarred by illness from attending his Lodge, we ever turned to him for words of cheer and wise counsel. He said, on his sick-bed, "Tell the Grand Sire that I wish I could have looked on his face once more; tell the members of the Grand Lodge I *wanted* to meet with them again. I shall meet them somewhere, though not in Boston. Give them my love, and tell them I died with the harness on." He did, indeed, not in the tinselled regalia which makes up our outside show, but full panoplied in the armor of "Friendship, Truth, and Love;" death had for him no sting.

His last words were, as he awoke from a fitful slumber, in the still watch of that solemn night, "*I am ready! Yes, I am ready!*" And he was ready. At peace with the world, owing no man anything but love, he followed the grim messenger out into the darkness, seeing through the cloud-rifts the beckoning hand of his Saviour, whose voice he had heard calling to him, "Come up hither." My brothers, we have lost an able, an honest, a large-hearted man. My own grief is without alloy, for I knew and loved him. Sadly I offer this humble tribute to his virtues and his memory.

Rep. ESCAVAILLE, of Maryland, moved the following resolution:

Resolved, That the per diem for this session of the Grand Lodge of the United States be four dollars.

Resolved, That the mileage for members for this session be rated at six cents per mile, and that the same be calculated from the nearest mail route, unless it may appear to the Committee on Mileage and Per Diem that there is a nearer travelled route, in which case the travelled route shall take precedence.

Rep. SLATER, of Ohio, moved to amend the second resolution, by striking out "six," and inserting "five," which was agreed to; and the resolutions, as amended, were adopted.

Rep. SANDERS, of Northern New York, submitted the following query, which, on his motion, was referred to a special committee of three:

Query: Can the M. W. Grand Sire legally appoint a Past Grand Sire, not a Representative, to act upon any of the committees, either standing or special, of this R. W. Grand Lodge?

The Chair (R. W. Deputy Grand Sire *p. t.* MARLEY, presiding) named the following as the committee:

Reps. CASSEDY, of New Jersey; LAMBERTON, of Pennsylvania, and MERRIAM, of Iowa.

The Chair submitted the following communication:

MASSACHUSETTS STATE'S PRISON, WARDEN'S OFFICE,
CHARLESTOWN, September 20, 1864.

The R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

GENTLEMEN: I should be pleased to have you visit this institution, if at any time you can make it convenient during your stay in this vicinity.

Very respectfully,

GIDEON HAYNES, *Warden.*

On motion of Rep. ESCAVAILLE, of Maryland, the invitation was accepted.

Rep. BURWELL, of Connecticut, moved the following resolution, which was resolved in the negative:

Resolved, That a copy of the Journal of this Grand Body, from its commencement, be sent to the Grand Sec'y of the Grand Lodge of Connecticut, to be placed in the Library of *Yale College*, at New Haven, Connecticut.

Rep. ELLIS, of Maryland, from the committee on that subject, made the following report:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Unfinished Business ask leave to report:

That they have carefully examined the Journal of the last session, and find the following matters of business requiring the further consideration of the Grand Lodge:

1st. Sundry amendments to the Constitution, submitted at the sessions of 1860, 1861, and 1862, compiled by the Grand Secretary, under the order of the Grand Lodge, in an Appendix to the Journal, and found on pages 3618, 3619, 3620, 3621, 3622—the consideration of which, on motion of Rep. CASSEDY, of New Jersey, found on page 3559 of the Journal, was postponed until the present session.

2d. Four additional amendments, submitted at the last session, viz:

One by Rep. GARRET, of Iowa, found on page 3562.

One by Rep. GILMAN, of Michigan, on page 3577.

One by Rep. ARMSTRONG, of Kentucky, on page 3581.

One by Rep. LEECH, of Iowa, found on page 3600.

3d. The Query from the Grand Lodge of Ohio, submitted by Rep. CHIDSEY, and found on page 3582.

4th. The Resolution submitted by Rep. ELLIS, of Maryland, and found on page 3601 of the Journal.

All which is respectfully submitted.

F. A. ELLIS,
D. E. BURWELL,
M. W. SHUSTER.

On motion of Rep. ESCAVAILLE, of Maryland, the rule was suspended requiring reports to lay over for one day, and the Lodge proceeded to the consideration of the report.

The question being on the first subject reported by the committee, to wit, the pending amendments to the Constitution, submitted at the sessions of 1860, 1861, and 1862—

On motion of Rep. TERWILLIGER, of Northern New York, that the said pending amendments to the Constitution be postponed until the next session, it was resolved in the affirmative.

The question then being on the second subject reported by the committe, viz. four additional amendments to the Constitution, submitted at the last session, they were considered seriatim.

The first proposed amendment, being the amendment of Rep. GARRET, of Iowa, page 3562 Journal, was considered, when

Rep. ELLIS, of Maryland, moved the indefinite postponement of the amendment, which was agreed to.

The Lodge proceeded to consider the amendment proposed by Rep. GILMAN, of Michigan, page 3577.

On motion of Rep. ELLIS, of Maryland, the subject was laid on the table.

The next proposed amendment, offered by Rep. ARMSTRONG, of Kentucky, page 3581 Journal, was considered, and on motion of Rep. FARNSWORTH, of Tennessee, was indefinitely postponed.

The next subject, being the amendment proposed by Rep. LEECH, of Iowa, page 3600 Journal, was considered, and on motion of Rep. FARNSWORTH, of Tennessee, was indefinitely postponed.

The next subject reported by the committee, being the query of Rep. CHIDSEY, of Ohio, page 3562 Journal, was considered, and on

motion of Rep. ELLIS, of Maryland, it was referred to the Committee on the State of the Order.

The next and last subject reported by the committee, being the resolution submitted by Rep. ELLIS, of Maryland, page 3601 Journal, was considered, and on motion of Rep. ELLIS, of Maryland, the first resolution was adopted. The question being on the adoption of the second resolution, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Rep. BURNHAM, of Maine, from the Committee on Finance, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Finance have examined the books and reports of the Grand Secretary, and Grand Treasurer, and find the same to be correct, with proper vouchers for the several items of disbursements since the last session. The balance in the treasury, as shown by the report of the Grand Treasurer, at the session of 1863, was..... $8,701 02
Amount received from the Grand Secretary, being receipts during the year for Representative tax, books, cards, &c.,..... 11,738 40
Interest on $6,000 United States bonds, and premium on the same, 576 99

$21,100 41
Paid for ordinary expenses,..... 13,334 12

Leaving cash balance,..... $7,766 29
United States bonds, $6,000 (5-20 registered),..... 6,000 00
Notes of Grand Encampment of North Carolina,..... 176 00
Note of " " " Iowa,..... 75 00
Amount of supplies at selling prices,..... 12,321 30

Total assets,.....$26,338 59

The amount of Wildey Monument Fund is,.....$12,041 39

EDWARD P. BURNHAM.
ISAAC M. VEITCH.
F. A. ELLIS,
THEODORE A. ROSS.
E. D. FARNSWORTH.

Rep. BARRY, of Indiana, moved the following resolution, which was referred to the Legislative Committee:

Resolved, That the decision on pages 1921 and 1956, Revised Journal, be amended to read as follows:

"Persons claiming to have been members of the Order, but who are unable to establish satisfactorily their claims, by examination in the work, or by card, can only be re-admitted by initiation; setting forth in their petition for membership that they have never been suspended, or expelled for crime, from any lodge, and that they are unable to obtain evidence of their former connection with the Order."

The hour fixed for recess, namely, twelve o'clock, having arrived, the Chair declared the Lodge at recess for thirty minutes

HALF-PAST TWELVE O'CLOCK.

The Lodge reassembled, pursuant to the order for recess.

Rep. LAMB, of New Jersey, moved the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary be directed to receive and pass to the credit of the following Lodges in the jurisdiction of New Jersey, as contributions to the Wildey Monument Fund, the following amounts:

From Pemberton Lodge, No. 49,	$5 00
From Grotto Lodge, No. 69,	1 50
From Concordia Lodge, No. 4,	2 00
From Winsbow Lodge, No. 40	10 00
Total amount,	$18 50

Rep. LAMB, of New Jersey, rose in his place, and addressed the Lodge as follows:

MOST WORTHY GRAND SIRE: The sad duty devolves upon me to announce to this Grand Lodge the death of P. G. M. and P. G. Representative to this R. W. Grand Lodge, from the Grand Encampment of New Jersey, JOSEPH WOOD. He represented his jurisdiction in the years 1849 and 1850. He was born near Woodbury, Gloucester County, New Jersey, April 17, 1801, and died in Trenton, May 8, 1860, aged fifty-nine years. He commenced life in humble circumstances, and by close application to business in early life attained to wealth and affluence. He gained the respect of his fellow-citizens in every relation in life, and was elected mayor of the city of Trenton in 1856, 1857, and 1858.

His benevolent acts and estimable services as an Odd-Fellow will long be remembered by the brethren of New Jersey.

He was honored and loved by all who knew him; and during his tedious illness, conscious of his approaching dissolution, he put his trust in God, his faith in his Saviour, his hope in Heaven, and died, as he had lived, a consistent Odd-Fellow.

Rep. HAVENNER, of the District of Columbia, moved the following, which was referred to the Legislative Committee:

WHEREAS the degree of Rebekah, in its present status, is a dead letter upon our books, as far as practical benefits are concerned, when, in the opinion of many members of the Order, it might be made of very great service to the fraternity:

Resolved, That the Legislative Committee be requested to inquire into the expediency of providing some means by which ladies in possession of the degree may form themselves into associations, for the purpose of carrying out more fully the teachings of this degree, and co-operating with the brethren of this Order in visiting the sick and relieving suffering humanity.

On motion of Rep. WILLIAMS, of Minnesota, the Lodge agreed to consider the report of the Committee on the Funeral Service, when, on his further motion, the report was recommitted to the committee.

Rep. ESCAVAILLE, of Maryland, presented a form of funeral service, which, on his motion, was referred to the committee on that subject.

Rep. TUCKER, of Massachusetts, moved the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That when this Grand Lodge adjourns at 12 o'clock to-morrow, it will adjourn to meet again at 8 o'clock P. M.

Rep. BINGHAM, of Canada West, moved the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the receipts from the Grand Lodge of Canada West, for representative tax, supplies, and contribution to Wildey Monument, received since the opening of this session, be duly entered upon the Journal of Proceedings for this session of the Grand Lodge.

On motion, the Lodge resolved itself into secret session.

After some hours passed in secret session, the Lodge resumed its ordinary business, when

Rep. DAVIES, of Southern New York, from the Committee on Appeals, submitted the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The majority of your Committee on Appeals, to whom was referred an appeal from the action of the R. W. Grand Lodge of Oregon, reversing the decision of the Deputy Grand Master while presiding as Grand Master, on the following resolution, at the annual session of the Grand Lodge of Oregon:

"*Resolved*, That the Past Grands, other than the Officers and Representatives in attendance at this Grand Lodge, be paid at the rate of ten cents per mile and two dollars per diem for travelling expenses."

The Deputy Grand Master decided the resolution out of order, as conflicting with section 2, article 8, of the Constitution, viz., "The expenses necessarily incurred by the elective officers of this Grand Lodge and by one representative from each Subordinate Lodge, in coming to and returning from and attending its sessions, shall be paid by this Grand Lodge," would report that, after due consideration, they have come to the conclusion that the action of the Grand Lodge was correct; that it clearly and conclusively was the right of said body to entertain and adopt, if they so chose, the resolution submitted.

Your committee would further state that the paper presented is not in accordance with the laws as enacted by this Grand Lodge relative to appeals, but in consideration of the remote location of the jurisdiction, and the probable want of official information on the subject, your committee have entertained and acted upon the matter.

We would therefore recommend that the Grand Lodge be sustained, and the decision of the Deputy Grand Master be reversed.

JOHN J. DAVIES,
IRA C. DOE,
J. ALEX. SIMPSON,
F. M. FOSTER.

Rep. RUCKER, of Illinois, a minority of the Committee on Appeals, submitted the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The undersigned, a minority of the Committee on Appeals, to whom was referred the appeal of the R. W. Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of

Oregon, from the action of that Grand Lodge in overruling a decision made by him chile in the chair, begs leave to submit the following report:

From the papers submitted to the committee it appears that during a recent session of the Grand Lodge of Oregon the following resolution was offered:

"*Resolved*, That the Past Grands, other than Officers and Representatives in attendance at this Grand Lodge, be paid at the rate of ten cents per mile and two dollars per diem for travelling expenses."

The Deputy Grand Master, presiding as Grand Master, decided the resolution out of order, as conflicting with section 2 of article 8 of the Constitution of that Grand Lodge, which is as follows:

"The expenses necessarily incurred by the elective officers of this Grand Lodge, and by one representative from each Subordinate Lodge, in coming to and returning from, and attending on its sessions, shall be paid by this Grand Lodge."

This decision was appealed from, when the Grand Lodge refused to sustain the Chair. From this action of the Grand Lodge the Deputy Grand Master appeals to this Grand Body.

Under the constitution of the Grand Lodge of Oregon, while the Past Grands of the Subordinate Lodges in that jurisdiction are entitled, as members of that Grand Lodge, to certain rights and privileges, the Subordinate Lodges are entitled to be represented in the same Grand Body by certain of these Past Grands, who, as the representatives of the Subordinates, are required to perform certain functions, and are entitled to certain rights and privileges not accorded to the other Past Grands.

By the same constitution, as appears by section 2 of article 8, before quoted, the expenses of its elective officers and representatives of the Subordinates are required to be paid by the Grand Lodge, while no provision whatever appears to be made for the payment of expenses of or compensation to any of the Past Grands not such officers or representatives. It would seem from this that the payment of expenses of Past Grands, not officers or representatives, was not contemplated by the framers of the constitution, and in consideration of that circumstance, and the well established principle of construction that when by a law express provision is made for the doing of a certain act in a particular manner, it will be held that the law-makers did not design to have the act done in any other manner than in the mode designated,—this minority is of the opinion that the Grand Lodge of Oregon, when it adopted its constitution, designed to restrict the payment of expenses of Past Grands, who might attend its sessions, to those who were officers of that Grand Lodge, or representatives of its Subordinates, and by the section before mentioned have so restricted such payment. Such being the proper construction, the Grand Lodge of Oregon, if it so desired, could make provision for the payment of the expenses or mileage and per diem of Past Grands, who were not officers or representatives, only by a provision of its constitution, after amendment of it. So long as the constitution remained unchanged in reference to that subject, the Grand Lodge had not the power to make provision for such payment by a *resolution*, and the Deputy Grand Master decided correctly when he ruled the resolution offered out of order.

Inasmuch as no question as to the power of the Grand Lodge of Oregon to appropriate its funds to the payment of expenses of the "*representatives*" *of its Subordinates* in attending its sessions is raised in the present case, the resolution offered having been decided as out of order on the ground of its conflicting with the provisions of the constitution, this minority does not deem it proper now to discuss that question; but, notwithstanding the position taken by the Committee on Appeals, at a previous session of this Grand Lodge, touching this same subject, it is submitted that the Grand Lodge of Oregon has no right or authority to appropriate its funds towards the payment of expenses or mileage and per diem of the *Past Grands, not officers or representatives*, who choose to attend its sessions. The funds of the Grand Lodge are raised for the purpose of enabling it to make provision for the exercise of its appropriate functions, by the payment of its necessary and legitimate expenses. The attendance at its sessions of Past Grands who are not its officers, or representatives from its subordinates, is not requisite or necessary to the enabling of the Grand Lodge to exercise any of its

functions, and the payment of the expenses or mileage and per diem of such Past Grands is not a necessary or legitimate expenditure of those funds.

This minority is of the opinion that the Deputy Grand Master would have been justified in deciding the resolution offered out of order, upon the grounds just stated alone, and, considering that the resolution offered was in direct contravention of the organic law of the Grand Lodge of Oregon, he submits that the decision of the presiding officer of that body, in ruling the resolution as out of order, should have been sustained by that Grand Lodge.

Therefore, waiving all objections as to the appeal being properly taken or presented to this Grand Lodge, this minority respectfully submits for your adoption the following:

Resolved, That the appeal of the R. W. Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Oregon be sustained.

E. A. RUCKER.

Rep. DAVIES, of Southern New York, from the same committee, submitted the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Appeals, to whom was referred the appeal of P. G. C. A. PRESTON, against the action of the R. W. Grand Lodge of Kentucky, in dismissing his appeal to that body against action had by Kenton Lodge, have examined the case, and find that, on the 29th September, 1862, an election was held in Kenton Lodge for Representatives to the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, whereupon the following Past Grands were placed in nomination, viz: Past Grands AMOS SHINKLE, JOSEPH PITTS, A. H. RANSOM, V. SHINKLE, A. H. HERROD, and GEO. H. RODEFER. Bros. THOMAS REED and WM. J. HYDE were appointed tellers.

The ballots having been cast, the tellers announced the result to be that

Past Grand AMOS SHINKLE had received	.....	11	votes.
" JOSEPH PITTS "	.....	13	"
" A. H. RANSOM "	.....	15	"
" V. SHINKLE "	.....	12	"
" A. H. HERROD "	.....	13	"
" GEO. H. RODEFER "	.....	15	"

and that two votes had been cast for SHINKLE without giving any indication as to which one of the candidates of that name they were intended for.

Before any decision as to the result was made, a motion was offered and seconded that the vote be retaken, which motion prevailed.

Your committee are of opinion that such action was illegal, believing that while an election was being held, and after the tellers had announced the result, it was the duty of the presiding officer to have declared the result of said election, and that no motion should have been received or was in order until said result was declared.

We therefore recommend that the decision of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky be reversed, and the appeal of P. G. C. A. PRESTON be sustained.

JOHN J. DAVIES,
IRA C. DOE,
J. ALEX. SIMPSON,
E. A. RUCKER,
F. M. FOSTER.

Rep. DAVIES, of Southern New York, from the same committee, submitted the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

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To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Appeals, to whom was referred the appeal of Friendly Union Lodge, No. 1, against the action of the R. W. Grand Lodge of Rhode Island, in sustaining the action of the Grand Master in his refusal to install the Noble Grand elect of said Lodge, on the ground that he was not in possession of the Degree of Rebekah, respectfully report, that, there being no certified statement of facts before this committee from which to enable it to come to a just and true decision in the case, they would therefore recommend that the appeal be referred back, for the purpose of having the facts definitely settled, and a duly certified statement thereof supplied when the appeal is again presented.

Respectfully submitted.

JOHN J. DAVIES,
IRA C. DOE,
J. ALEX. SIMPSON,
E. A. RUCKER,
F. M. FOSTER,

Rep. DAVIES, of Southern New York, from the same committee, submitted the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Appeals, to whom was referred a paper purporting to be the appeal of LEWIS PINDELL, of Washington Lodge, No. 1, against certain action had by the R. W. Grand Lodge of Maryland, on the matter of his appeal against Washington Lodge, No. 1, ask leave to report, that said paper is informal and cannot be received or acted upon by this committee for the following reasons:

1st. That it does not appear the Grand Lodge of Maryland granted the permission required by law to bring the matter before this Grand Lodge.

2d. That no statement of facts has been definitely settled by the Grand Lodge of Maryland, and certified by their executive officers, in accordance with the law as adopted by this Grand Lodge at its communication of 1863.

They therefore offer the following for adoption:

Resolved, That the committee be discharged from the further consideration of the matter, and the paper purporting to be the appeal of LEWIS PINDELL be dismissed.

JOHN J. DAVIES,
IRA C. DOE,
J. ALEXANDER SIMPSON,
E. A. RUCKER,
F. M. FOSTER.

Rep. SIMPSON, of Pennsylvania, from the same committee, submitted the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the M. W. Grand Sire, Officers, and Members of the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Appeals, to whom was referred the appeals of P. G. M. DURHAM and P. G. STONE, from the decisions of the R. W. Grand Lodge of Kentucky, beg leave to report that these two appeals arise out of the same state of facts, and of necessity ought to be considered together. It seems that a question on the subject of benefits emanating from Corinthian Lodge, No. 74, was submitted to the Committee on the State of the Order of that Grand Lodge; that committee presented two reports, one from the majority and the other from the

minority. The minority on the question submitted, "Can a Subordinate Lodge constitutionally pay funeral benefits when the death of the brother is caused by *mania potu?*" was that they "would answer the same in the negative." On motion to adopt this report, the Grand Lodge decided it negatively, by yeas 20, nays 23, and from this action P. G. M. DURHAM appealed.

The report of the minority of the committee was then considered, as follows: "A member of a Subordinate Lodge dying by disease brought on himself from intemperance, and at the time of his death clear of the books, and no charges preferred against him, is entitled to funeral benefits, and the wife and orphans entitled to the protection of the Lodge,"—and adopted by the Grand Lodge by a vote of 57 yeas to 20 nays, and from this action P. G. STONE appealed.

It has often been decided by this Grand Lodge that benefits are regulated by local law. (Journal, pp. 1247, 1403, 1450, 1451, 1480.) We think the Grand Lodge was competent to decide the question in the way it has decided. We would therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the action of the R. W. Grand Lodge of Kentucky be sustained.

Respectfully submitted in F. L. and T.

JOHN J. DAVIES.
IRA C. DOE,
J. ALEXANDER SIMPSON,
E. A. RUCKER,
F. M. FOSTER.

Rep. GRISWOLD, of Illinois, from the Legislative Committee, submitted the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Legislative Committee have had under consideration the following preamble and resolution of Grand Representative ESCAVAILLE, of Maryland, viz:

"WHEREAS a misapprehension has occurred, at least in one jurisdiction, in regard to the matter of the payment of the funeral benefits, growing out of the adoption by this Grand Lodge of a report from the Committee of Appeals, to be found on page 2957 Journal of Proceedings; and in order that the matter may be properly understood, be it

Resolved, That, in the payment of sick and funeral benefits and funeral expenses, the Subordinate Lodges and Encampments are sovereign, both as to the amount of such benefits and in the disposition of the same, so long as the benevolent and charitable features that underlie the institution of Odd-Fellowship are complied with, and the enactments of their respective State jurisdictions in that connection are obeyed.

And would respectfully report that the law is correctly stated in the resolution.

GEO. W. CASSEDY,
R. A. LAMBERTON,
J. GRISWOLD,
H. L. PAGE,
THOS. T. SMILEY.

Rep. GRISWOLD, of Illinois, from the same committee, submitted the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

Your Legislative Committee, to whom was referred a communication from the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania on the subject of members of Lodges in the States

in hostility to the United States obtaining admission to Lodges in the loyal States, have had the subject under consideration, and would report: That, while fully realizing the unpleasant position in which brothers holding membership in the jurisdictions referred to in the communication are placed, and heartily sympathizing with them in their deprivation, they can discover no remedy whereby their position can be ameliorated without creating confusion in the laws of the Order as now existing. They would therefore simply repeat the report of this committee on a similar resolution found on page 3480 of the Revised Journal: "That we deem it unwise to take any action whatever on subjects connected with the civil war which now afflicts our nation; that we earnestly hope and trust that the time is not far distant when the disability under which the brothers suffer will be removed by the restoration of the Union, and a re-establishment of all the State jurisdictions subordinate to this Grand Body." And would ask to be discharged from further consideration of the subject.

J. GRISWOLD,
GEO. W. CASSEDY,
R. A. LAMBERTON,
THOS. T. SMILEY,
H. L. PAGE.

Rep. GRISWOLD, of Illinois, from the same committee, submitted the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Legislative Committee have had under consideration the resolution submitted by Grand Representative SIMPSON, of Pennsylvania, viz:

"*Resolved*, That the Legislative Committee be, and they are hereby, requested to inquire into and report upon the expediency of conferring upon the respective State jurisdictions the power to adopt a system of life-membership in the several jurisdictions, if they see proper so to do, by the payment of a fixed sum in lieu of weekly or quarterly dues," and would respectfully report:

That, inasmuch as it is a well recognised principle of this Order that its monetary affairs are left exclusively to the discretion and judgment of State Grand Bodies and their Subordinates, (see New Digest, section 6, page 48), any interference by this Grand Lodge with their financial affairs, by direct enactment or otherwise, would be a violation of their inherent rights; and as the adoption of the proposed recommendation by the several State Grand Bodies would require a much more thorough acquaintance with the intricacies of life-assurance tables than is attained by one of a thousand of the members of this Order, to even approximate a just and equitable remuneration for such life-membership, your committee feel confident that more confusion and loss would ensue than could be counterbalanced by any benefit to the few individuals of the Order that might avail themselves of the privileges proposed to be secured by the resolution. They therefore deem it inexpedient to recommend the adoption of the resolution, and ask to be discharged from further consideration of the subject.

GEO. W. CASSEDY,
H. L. PAGE,
THOS. T. SMILEY,
J. GRISWOLD,
R. A. LAMBERTON.

Rep. JONES, of Massachusetts, submitted the following communication, and, on motion of Rep. LAMBERTON, of Pennsylvania, the invitation was accepted, and the thanks of the Lodge voted to the Massachusetts Horticultural Society:

BOSTON, Sept. 21, 1864.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States.

DEAR SIRS: The Massachusetts Horticultural Society, learning that you will remain in the city a few days, respectfully invite you to attend their Annual Exhibition, now being held at Andrews Hall.

The Society would feel honored by your visit, and they trust you will find the exhibition one of interest to you all.

Respectfully, yours,
C. M. HOVEY, *President.*

Rep. ELLIS, of Maryland, from the Committee on Finance, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Finance, having under consideration that part of the Grand Treasurer's report which relates to the supposed deficiency of the cash balance in the treasury to meet the liabilities of the Grand Lodge at its present session, and the suggestions of that officer in the same connection, ask leave to report that they have duly considered said suggestions, and respectfully submit for the consideration of the Grand Lodge the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the Grand Treasurer be and he is hereby authorized to apply to the payment of the claims against the Grand Lodge at its present session such portion of uninvested moneys that stand to the credit of the "*Wildey Monument Fund*" as may be necessary.

Resolved, That whatever amount of the "*Wildey Monument Fund*" may be applied, under the authority of the foregoing resolution, to the current expenses of the Grand Lodges, shall be reimbursed to that fund, and to that end such portion of the registered bonds now held in the name and corporate title of the Grand Lodge of the United States be exchanged for the coupon bonds to the same amount held in trust by the Grand Lodge for the "*Wildey Monument Fund*," and that the portion of the last-named securities so exchanged be sold by the Grand Treasurer.

Resolved, That in the event of the necessity for making sale of the registered bonds to be exchanged according to the terms of the preceding resolution by the Committee on the "*Wildey Monument*," for the purpose which that committee has in charge, at any time between the present and the next session of this Grand Lodge, the Most Worthy Grand Sire and the Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary be and they are hereby authorized to execute, in the name of this Grand Lodge, a proper and legal transfer of the registered bonds aforesaid.

Respectfully submitted.

F. A. ELLIS.
E. D. FARNSWORTH.
EDWARD P. BURNHAM.
ISAAC M. VEITCH.
THEO. A. ROSS.

The hour fixed for adjournment, 3½ o'clock, having arrived, the M. W. Grand Sire declared the Lodge adjourned until to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock.

THURSDAY, September 22, 1864—9 o'clock A. M.

The R. W. Grand Lodge assembled pursuant to adjournment. Present:

JAMES B. NICHOLSON .....M. W. Grand Sire.
RICHARD MARLEY .....R. W. D. Grand Sire, *p. t.*
JAMES L. RIDGELY .....R. W. Grand Cor. and Rec. Secretary.
JOSHUA VANSANT .....R. W. Grand Treasurer.
REV. I. D. WILLIAMSON .....R. W. Grand Chaplain.
B. W. DENNIS .....R. W. Grand Marshal.
AUGUSTUS PFAFF .....R. W. Grand Guardian.
JOHN E. CHAMBERLAIN .....R. W. Grand Messenger.

And a Representation from a quorum of Grand Bodies.

Prayer by Rev. Bro. I. D. WILLIAMSON, R. W. Grand Chaplain.

The R. W. Deputy Grand Sire, by order of the M. W. Grand Sire, declared the Lodge open for business.

On motion of Rep. ESCAVAILLE, of Maryland, the reading of the Journal of yesterday was dispensed with.

The Jurisdictions being called, under the rule—

Rep. FARNSWORTH, of Tennessee, submitted the following resolution, which was referred to the Legislative Committee:

Resolved, That the Legislative Committee be requested to devise some means by which a member of a Subordinate Lodge or Encampment from one jurisdiction can be admitted to membership in another jurisdiction or State, who has no card or certificate, and when no communication whatever can be had with the jurisdiction the member hails from, and when there is no evidence that the member has or not been expelled or suspended, other than his own statement.

Rep. WILLIAMS, of Minnesota, submitted the following query, which was referred to the Committee on the State of the Order:

To whom, or to what body, and in what form or manner, shall a request be made by a Subordinate Lodge or Encampment to be attached to a Grand Body in an adjoining State, as authorized in By-Law XIII. Grand Lodge of the United States?

Rep. SANDERS, of Northern New York, from the Committee on the State of the Order, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was referred the decisions of the M. W. Grand Sire, mentioned in his annual report, respectfully report:

That they have carefully examined the same, and find that they are strictly in accordance with the past decisions and legislation of this R. W. Grand Lodge, and therefore recommend the adoption of the accompanying resolution.

Resolved, That the several decisions as reported and made by the M. W. Grand Sire during the past year be and the same are hereby approved.

Submitted in F. L. and T.

J. P. SANDERS,
W. ELLISON,
J. W. STOKES,
W. CHIDSEY,
JOS. B. ESCAVAILLE.

Rep. SANDERS, of Northern New York, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was referred the following inquiries of Rep. RAMSOM, of Kentucky, namely:

1. "Are fines in Subordinate Lodges to be considered as dues?"
2. "If a brother owes seven weeks' dues and two dollars fines, is the brother debarred from all pecuniary benefits?"

Respectfully report that, in their opinion, the above questions are not properly subjects of exposition by this R. W. Grand Lodge, but are matters to be determined by State Grand Bodies, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the same.

Respectfully submitted.

J. P. SANDERS,
WM. ELLISON,
W. CHIDSEY,
J. W. STOKES,
JOS. B. ESCAVAILLE.

Rep. GRISWOLD, of Illinois, from the Legislative Committee, made the following report, which was read and adopted, and the subject referred to the Committee on the State of the Order:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Legislative Committee, to whom was referred so much of the report of the M. W. Grand Sire as relates to the action had by the Grand Lodge of California in admitting non-affiliated members into the Order, have examined the subject, and find that it comprehends the construction of existing law, rather than the enactment of new legislation, and should therefore properly be referred to the Committee on the State of the Order. We ask that the proper reference be made, and that this committee be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

G. W. CASSEDY,
R. A. LAMBERTON,
T. W. SMILEY,
H. L. PAGE,
J. GRISWOLD.

Rep. GRISWOLD, of Illinois, from the same Committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Legislative Committee, to whom was referred the preamble and resolutions submitted by Grand Rep. ESCAVAILLE, of Maryland, found on page 3663 of the Revised Journal, and those offered by Grand Rep. LAMBERTON, of Pennsylvania, on the same subject, found on page 3665 of the Journal, have duly considered the subject therein presented, and would respectfully report as follows:

Your committee are unanimous in the opinion that the subject-matter therein contained is one of no little importance to the welfare of the Order, and should, and doubtless would long since have received the serious and favorable consideration of this Grand Body had it been presented in its present form, to the end that simple justice should have been accorded to the veterans of our institution who, after long years of arduous service in its behalf, may have been unfortunately circumstanced, by no act of their own, as set forth in the several preambles submitted to the committee.

While it is eminently desirable and proper that no invidious distinctions in membership should be permitted in our order to mar its harmony, your committee fail to detect in the proposition under consideration any opening or opportunity whereby or wherein any right or prerogative of any other member of the fraternity can be injuriously affected. But, on the other hand, they can and do recognise wherein, by the adoption of the resolution herewith submitted, the good of the Order can be greatly enhanced, not only by retaining the experience and mature judgment of very many of the patriarchs of our Order who would otherwise be lost to us, but by thus tardily performing our part of the mutual contract agreed upon between the parties when these brothers, in their more youthful days, took upon themselves the obligations and duties of Odd-Fellows.

The committee, deeming it unnecessary to further eliminate the subject, offer for your consideration the following:

WHEREAS, from various causes, it at times has occurred that Subordinate Lodges and Encampments, failing of success, have found it necessary or expedient to surrender their respective charters, and

WHEREAS, in such cases, it has oftentimes happened that some of the members in such Lodges or Encampments have attained an age so advanced as to render it impracticable for them, in some of the jurisdictions, to obtain beneficial membership in other working Lodges or Encampments; and

WHEREAS, in the judgment of this Grand Lodge, no detriment could, as a rule, arise to the Order by the admission, as non-beneficial members, into Subordinate Lodges and Encampments, of brothers of advanced age who were in good standing at the time of the surrender of the charters of their respective Lodges and Encampments, upon such terms and conditions as may be prescribed by general or special laws of the respective State jurisdictions: Therefore

Resolved, That the several jurisdictions subordinate to this Grand Lodge are hereby recommended to provide such suitable legislation as may be requisite to enable working Lodges and Encampments to receive, as non-beneficial members, such members of defunct Lodges and Encampments as were in good standing at the time of the dissolution of their respective Lodges or Encampments, and who, by reason of their advanced age, are now ineligible to beneficial membership.

G. W. CASSEDY,
R. A. LAMBERTON,
J. GRISWOLD,
THOMAS T. SMILEY,
H. L. PAGE.

Rep. FARNSWORTH, of Tennessee, from the Committee on Finance, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Finance Committee, to whom was referred the resolution of Rep. LOGAN, of Kansas, found on page 3663 Journal, to wit:

Resolved, That the Committee on Finance is hereby instructed to inquire into and report upon the expediency of establishing a form of card, for the use of members of defunct Lodges, to be engraved and furnished State Grand Lodges at a fixed rate, as other supplies—

Respectfully report that we very much doubt the expediency of this Grand Lodge "establishing the proposed card." Upon inquiry, we are satisfied that the cost of the engraving and printing such card would so far exceed any probable receipts for the same, that your committee recommend that it be not done.

E. D. FARNSWORTH,
ISAAC M. VEITCH,
EDWARD P. BURNHAM,
F. A. ELLIS,
THEODORE A. ROSS.

Rep. FARNSWORTH, of Tennessee, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Finance, to whom has been referred the matter of printing the report of the Committee on Revision, for the use of this Grand Body at its next session, have considered the same, and find the cost of the same will not exceed one hundred and fifty dollars. Your committee, therefore, present the following resolution:

Resolved, That the R. W. Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary be instructed to have printed such a number only of the report of the Committee on Revision as will supply one copy to each Representative and officer, at the next session of this R. W. Grand Lodge, at a cost not exceeding one hundred and fifty dollars.

E. D. FARNSWORTH,
ISAAC M. VEITCH,
F. A. ELLIS,
EDWARD P. BURNHAM,
THEODORE A. ROSS.

Rep. RUCKER, of Illinois, from the Committee on Appeals, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Appeals, to whom was referred the appeal of Mercantile Lodge, No. 47, from the action of the Grand Lodge of Southern New York, in directing them to give cards of withdrawal to Past Grands HENRY SNYDER and ROBERT D. HART, beg leave to submit the following report:

From the facts certified it appears that on the 11th of August, 1863, Past Grands SNYDER and HART applied to Mercantile Lodge, No. 47, for cards of withdrawal from that Lodge, which were refused them, "*on the grounds that the applicants had neglected to deliver the Lodge a portion of their property;*" that, on the 20th of October following, the same Past Grands again applied for their withdrawal cards, and stated that if the cards were not granted they should apply to the R. W. Grand Lodge for redress, but the application was still denied; that at the November session of the Grand Lodge of Southern New York, upon the petition and application for redress of the same Past Grands, that Grand Lodge directed Mercantile Lodge, No. 47, to grant withdrawal cards to Past Grands SNYDER and HART, upon payment of the dues charged against them, and that Mercantile Lodge complied with the directions of the Grand

Lodge, and granted the cards. From this action of the Grand Lodge of Southern New York, Mercantile Lodge, No. 47, by permission, now appeals to this Grand Lodge.

Other facts than those above stated are certified, but are not deemed pertinent or necessary to be here reproduced, inasmuch as, in the opinion of your committee, the only question raised by this appeal is, whether or not the grounds stated were sufficient to justify Mercantile Lodge in refusing the cards applied for.

The by-laws of Mercantile Lodge provide that "any member desiring to withdraw his membership, shall make application. * * * *If in good standing*, he shall be entitled to a card of clearance."

This Grand Lodge has decided the term "good standing," as known to the Order, signifies contributing membership in a Subordinate Lodge, and freedom from charges regularly preferred according to the provisions of the constitutions of the proper Grand Lodge, or legal possession of duly authenticated cards from Subordinate Lodges. (See New Digest, p. 61, referring to Jour. G. L. U. S., 497, 1299, 1340.) Also, that no member is in "good standing" while his note is held for dues, that being only a new form of indebtedness, without discharging it. (Digest, p. 61; Jour. 1175, 1806.) And also that freedom from any disability by reason of non-payment of dues of any kind is one of the requisites of "good standing." (Digest, p. 61; Jour, 1775, 1806.) And, further, that pending the discussion of an application for a withdrawal card, charges may be preferred against the applicant; and under such circumstances the vote on granting the card should be suspended until the charges shall have been withdrawn or a trial had thereon. (Digest, p. 26; Jour. 1992, 2115, 2170.)

In the present case, it does not appear that any charges were preferred, or even that an attempt was made to prefer charges against the applicants for the cards, although some nine or ten weeks intervened between their first and second applications. Applying the law to the facts certified, and considering that the applicants were, at the time of applying, members in "good standing" of Mercantile Lodge, No. 47, and by the by-laws of that Lodge entitled to their cards of withdrawal, your committee are of opinion that the grounds of refusal taken by that Lodge were not sufficient, and that the cards applied for should have been granted, and therefore recommend the adoption of the following:

Resolved, That the appeal of Mercantlle Lodge, No. 47, from the action of the Grand Lodge of Southern New York, be dismissed.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

IRA C. DOE,
J. ALEXANDER SIMPSON,
E. A. RUCKER,
F. M. FOSTER.

Rep. BINGHAM, of Canada West, from the Committee on Petitions, made the following report, which was considered and adopted, and the subject referred to the Legislative Committee:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

Your committee, to whom was referred the petition of brethren in Tennessee in relation to worthy members of this Order who are unable, on account of the distracted state of the country, to prove their connection and standing as Odd-Fellows, have examined the subject of this petition, and fully appreciate the difficulties of which the petitioners complain, and are inclined to favor their prayer.

Your committee can add nothing to strengthen the appeal of the petitioners, except to recommend the reference of this subject to the Committee on Legislation, for their favorable consideration and adjustment.

Respectfully submitted.

H. C. BINGHAM,
W. H. THOMPSON,
J. R. PIPER,
JAS. A. J. BOHEN,
S. J. GOODRICH.

Rep. BINGHAM, of Canada West, from the Committee on Petitions, presented the following report and resolution, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

Your committee, to whom was referred the petitions of brethren in Denver City, Colorado Territory, for Union Lodge, No. 1, find the cards and vouchers in accordance with usage, and hail with pleasure the opportunity for introducing and organizing Odd-Fellowship in this far-off section of our land.

A dispensation has already been granted for the institution of the above Lodge, and we have only further to submit the following:

Resolved, That the action of the R. W. Grand Sire in this matter be approved, and that a charter for Union Lodge, No. 1, Denver City, Colorado Territory, be forwarded in due form.

Respectfully submitted.

H. C. BINGHAM,
J. R. PIPER,
JAS. A. J. BOHEN,
S. J. GOODRICH,
W. H. THOMPSON.

Rep. BINGHAM, of Canada West, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

Your committee, to whom was referred the petition of Bro. J. G. SMITH, now of California, and formerly of Shenandoah Lodge, No. 32, of the State of Virginia, submit the following:

We have carefully examined the statement of Brother SMITH, and the vouchers accompanying the same, and find in this case additional and impressive evidence of the necessity for some legislation on the part of this Grand Lodge which shall meet the wants of this venerable brother, as well as that of thousands of our brethren similarly situated, who, through no fault of their own, are debarred the benefits and social privileges of our Order.

Brother SMITH, now passed seventy-one years of age, has been, during the best portion of his life, an ardent and steadfast Odd-Fellow, devoting his time, talents, and his means zealously to the spread and perpetuity of Odd-Fellowship. Abundant evidence is furnished of his previous efficiency as a member of his own and the R. W. Grand Lodge of Virginia.

In 1860 Brother SMITH received from his Lodge a visiting card, with which, as shown by the endorsations thereon, he visited many of the Lodges in California. This card expired in June, 1861, and on account of the war and the complete disorganization of his Lodge he has been unable to obtain credentials therefrom. His home in Virginia is now desolate, and in ruins, and he finds himself, in his old age, reduced in circumstances, and compelled to seek a new home, and to form new social and business relations.

Added to this is the further hardship, of which Brother SMITH complains most, and which he feels most deeply, that he can no longer visit our Lodges and mingle in the councils of our great brotherhood, to which it has ever been his highest ambition to manifest a most exemplary devotion.

The petition of the brother is for such dispensation or legislation as will enable him in some way to become reunited with the Order, so far at least as to enjoy the social advantages of Odd-Fellowship. As some action is already proposed by this Grand Lodge, which it is hoped will meet this case, and is even now under the consideration of the Legislative Committee, your Committee on

Petitions deem it unnecessary to do more than review briefly in this report the facts above mentioned.

Respectfully submitted.

H. C. BINGHAM,
J. R. PIPER,
JAMES A. J. BOHEN,
S. J. GOODRICH,
W. H. THOMPSON.

Rep. PAGE, of Wisconsin, from the special committee on that subject, made the following report:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The special committee to whom was referred the preamble and resolution of Rep. PAGE, of Wisconsin, as follows:

WHEREAS statements have been made in the public prints, which have been sadly confirmed through the members of our Order, showing that in many cases, where Lodge rooms have been in the path of war, their sanctity has been invaded, their appurtenances exposed to prying curiosity, and the books, papers, and most sacred records ruthlessly destroyed; and

WHEREAS it is represented, in other instances, that the halls and Lodge rooms have been taken from the members and used for the most common purposes of the army and its followers; and

WHEREAS the noble charities to which our Order is devoted, and its halls are consecrated, recognise no political or sectional differences, but extend its labors to the relief of the distressed, visiting the sick, and burying the dead, wherever found, and are entitled to the protection of every civilized government, and that it is fit and proper that this Grand Lodge, as the supreme representative body of the Order on this continent, should exert all the means within its power for the protection of the interests of the brotherhood; therefore,

Resolved, That a special committee of five be appointed to consider what, if any, means can be adopted for relief in the premises.

Ask leave respectfully to report that the committee concurs in the sentiment of the preamble, that it is the duty of the Grand Lodge of the United States to exert its protecting care over the property of the Order under its jurisdiction, and to supply such redress as may be within its power in the premises; but the committee do not perceive that this Grand Lodge can do more than to cause the facts to be laid before the proper authorities of the Government, and it is believed that to so just an application a favorable consideration will be readily afforded. The committee report the following resolution, and recommend its adoption:

Resolved, That a committee be appointed, to which JAMES B. NICHOLSON, M. W. Grand Sire, and JAMES L. RIDGELY, R. W. Grand Corresponding Secretary, shall be added, with power to lay the subject of the foregoing preamble and resolution before the President of the United States, or other proper authority of the Government, respectfully asking the relief and protection required.

H. L. PAGE,
J. A. KENNEDY,
E. D. FARNSWORTH,
J. W. STOKES,
J. R. PIPER.

On motion of Rep. VEITCH, of Missouri, the rule requiring reports to lay over for one day was suspended, and the report was considered and unanimously adopted.

On motion of Rep. STOKES, of Pennsylvania, the committee provided for by the foregoing resolution was made to consist of five members, exclusive of the M. W. Grand Sire and Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary.

Rep. BURNHAM, of Maine, from the Committee on Finance, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Finance submit the following estimate of the receipts and expenditures of the current year:

ESTIMATED RECEIPTS.

Representative Tax	$5,800
Dues from Subordinate Lodges and Encampments under immediate jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge	100
Sale of Revised Journal and Digest	1,200
" Charge and Degree Books	1,900
" Cards	4,000
" Odes	300
" Diplomas	1,000
	$14,300

ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES.

Salary of Grand Secretary	$1,500
" " Grand Treasurer	200
" " Grand Messenger	900
Rent of Grand Secretary's Office	275
Postage, Stationery, &c	350
Printing Daily Journal	450
" Revised Journal	1,100
Mileage and Per Diem	8,500
Contingent Fund	300
Assistance to Grand Messenger	30
Charge and Installation Books and Diplomas	200
Binding Revised Journal	595
Cost of Digest, including paper, printing, and binding	1,000
	$15,400

The committee offer the following resolution:

Resolved, That the sum of fifteen thousand four hundred dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, be and the same is hereby appropriated for the payment of salaries, printing, binding, mileage and per diem, and other current expenses of the Grand Lodge, agreeably to the estimate herewith submitted, and the Grand Secretary be authorized to issue his warrant for the same.

EDWARD P. BURNHAM,
E. D. FARNSWORTH,
ISAAC M. VEITCH,
THEO. A. ROSS,
F. A. ELLIS.

Rep. SANDERS, of Northern New York, from the Committee on the State of the Order, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was referred so much of the M. W. Grand Sire's Annual Report as refers to the appointment of a Special Grand Commissioner for Western Virginia, and the form of special commission and circular issued by him in connection therewith, respectfully report, that, in the discharge of this very important and delicate duty, our Worthy Grand Sire NICHOLSON has followed his usual caution and supervision. The wording of the circular breathes the spirit of friendship and of love to our membership in Western Virginia, and must have had a benign effect when read in that locality. The commission to Past Grand Master STEELE is couched in language not to be misunderstood, while great care has been taken to guard against any conflict of duty in that jurisdiction, while the duty enjoined on that worthy brother admits of but one construction, viz: the welfare and harmony of the Order in Western Virginia. This whole subject has, in the opinion of your committee, been conducted in a proper manner, and must conduce to the honor and prosperity of the Lodges to whom this commission was directed, and we therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the appointment of P. G. M. STEELE as Commissioner for Western Virginia, the commission issued to him, and the circular to the Lodges of Western Virginia, be approved and confirmed by the R. W. Grand Lodge.

Submitted in F. L. and T.

J. P. SANDERS,
WILLIAM ELLISON,
JOSEPH B. ESCAVAILLE,
J. W. STOKES,
W. CHIDSEY.

Rep. TERWILLIGER, of Northern New York, from the Committee on Grand Bodies not Represented, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Grand Bodies not Represented submit that they find nothing new in the subject-matter referred to them, nor any thing requiring an extended report. At the last session of this Grand Body the hope was expressed by the committee that at this annual communication we might have the pleasure of greeting representatives from every jurisdiction under the care of the R. W. Grand Lodge. But that hope has not been realized. The stern fate of war still decrees otherwise, and we are again deprived of the pleasure of taking by the hand representatives from many jurisdictions whom we would most gladly meet. But, although we have not the pleasure of their presence, it affords the committee great satisfaction to learn, as they do from the reports of the M. W. Grand Sire and R. W. Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary, that they have, with some of the unrepresented jurisdictions, been enabled to hold a correspondence of the most satisfactory character, the brethren expressing their great love for the glorious principles of our beloved Order, and their hope to meet with us soon in Grand Lodge.

No representatives appear at this session from the jurisdictions of North Carolina, Georgia, Mississippi, Alabama, Texas, Arkansas, Florida, South Carolina, Virginia, Louisiana, Vermont, and British Lower Provinces.

From a statement made to the Grand Lodge by District Deputy Grand Sire MITCHELL, it appears that the Grand Lodge of Vermont had elected a representative, but for some reason not known to the committee the credentials have not been presented, and Vermont still remains unrepresented.

The committee offer the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Right Worthy Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary forward to the representatives of Grand Bodies subordinate to this Grand

Lodge, who are absent from this session, the same number of copies of the proceedings of this R. W. Grand Lodge, and other documents furnished to the representatives of this R. W. Grand Body, and shall also furnish the Grand Secretary of such Grand Bodies not here represented the same number of copies of proceedings and other documents as are furnished to the Grand Secretaries of those Grand Bodies represented here this day, whenever he shall be satisfied that they will reach the persons and bodies to whom sent.

JAMES TERWILLIGER,
JOS. L. LAMB,
THOMAS C. COLEMAN,
W. H. DIXON,
DAVID SIMMS.

The Grand Lodge now proceeded to the consideration of reports of standing committees, in the order in which they appear on the printed journal.

The first report, from the Legislative Committee, relative to the diversion of the property and funds of Lodges and Encampments, page 3664, was considered and adopted.

The next report, being of the Committee on Constitutions, page 3672, on the Constitution of Grand Encampment of District of Columbia, was considered and adopted.

The next report, from the same committee, page 3673, on the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Iowa, was considered and adopted.

The next report, from the same committee, page 3673, on the Constitution of the Grand Encampment of Ohio, was considered and adopted.

The next report, from the Special Committee on the Wildey Monument, page 3673, was considered. Rep. MERRIAM, of Iowa, moved to amend the first resolution, by adding after the word "Monument," in the second line, the following, "whenever the necessary amount of funds are on hand," which was agreed to, and the report and resolutions, as amended, were adopted.

On motion of Rep. DAVIES, of Southern New York, the vote of the Lodge just had, adopting the report and resolutions of the Committee on the Wildey Monument, as amended by the resolution of Rep. MERRIAM, of Iowa, was reconsidered.

Whereupon Rep. MERRIAM, of Iowa, asked and had leave to withdraw his amendment, and the question recurring on the report and resolutions of the committee, they were adopted as reported.

Rep. SANDERS, of Northern New York, moved the following resolution, which was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That the Committee on the Wildey Monument be continued, and that the M. W. Grand Sire JAMES B. NICHOLSON be appointed chairman of said

committee, and shall continue to act as said chairman until the monument shall be completed.

Rep. HAVENNER, of District of Columbia, moved the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That all vacancies now existing in the Wildey Monument Committee be filled by the appointment of members of the present session.

The Lodge resumed the consideration of reports of committees.

The next report, from the Committee on Finance, on page 3679, on the subject of the books and accounts of the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer, was considered and adopted.

The next report, from the Committee on Appeals, page 3681, on the Appeal of the D. G. M. of Oregon, was considered.

Rep. LEECH, of Iowa, moved to substitute for the report of the committee under consideration the report of the minority committee on the same subject, page 3681, and to adopt the same.

The question being on the motion of Rep. LEECH, of Iowa, to adopt the minority report, with the accompanying resolution, it was resolved in the affirmative.

The next report, from the Committee on Appeals, page 3683, on the Appeal of Past Grand C. A. PRESTON, of Kentucky, was considered and adopted.

The next report, from the same committee, page 3684, on the appeal of Friendly Union Lodge of Rhode Island, was considered and adopted.

The next report, from the same committee, page 3684, on the appeal of LEWIS PINDELL, of Washington Lodge, Maryland, was considered and adopted.

The next report, from the same committee, page 3684, on the appeal of P. G. M. DURHAM and P. G. STONE from the decision of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, was considered and adopted.

The next report, from the Legislative Committee, page 3685, on the resolution of Rep. ESCAVAILLE, of Maryland, relative to payment of benefits, was considered and adopted.

The next report, from the same committee, page 3685, being on the communication from the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, on the subject of admitting members of Lodges in States in hostility to the Government to Lodges in the loyal States, was considered.

Rep. BARRY, of Indiana, moved to lay the report on the table, which was resolved in the negative.

The question recurring on the report of the committee—

Rep. FARNSWORTH, of Tennessee, moved to recommit the report to the Legislative Committee, with instructions to report upon the whole subject, embracing all other papers relating to it now before them, and not yet acted upon, which was agreed to.

The next report, from the same committee, page 3686, on the resolution suggesting the expediency of authorizing life-membership in the Order, was considered and adopted.

The next report, from the Committee on Finance, page 3687, on the Grand Treasurer's report, in relation to the deficiency in the Treasury, was considered.

Rep. ELLIS, of Maryland, moved to amend the first resolution as follows, which was agreed to:

After the word "session," in the second line of the first resolution, insert "and such as may be incurred in consequence of the legislation thereof."

Rep. ELLIS, of Maryland, moved to amend the second resolution as follows, which was agreed to:

Insert after the word "be," in the fifth line of the second resolution, the word *equitably*.

Rep. ELLIS, of Maryland, moved further to amend the second resolution as follows, which was agreed to:

Add at the close of the resolution the following: "Or the Grand Treasurer may, at his discretion, pass to the credit of the Monument Fund, at current rates, so many of the registered bonds of the Grand Lodge as will, as near as may be, cancel the indebtedness aforesaid, or adopt such other measures in connection with the matter as in his judgment may best subserve the end desired."

Rep. ELLIS, of Maryland, moved to amend the third resolution as follows, which was agreed to:

Amend third resolution by inserting the words "or transfer" after the word "exchanged," in the second line.

The question then being on the report and resolutions as amended, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Rep. JONES, of Massachusetts, presented the following communication:

OFFICE OF THE COCHITUATE WATER BOARD,
BOSTON, SEPTEMBER 20, 1864.

To the Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of the United States, Independent Order of Odd-Fellows:

The Cochituate Water Board respectfully invite you to visit Lake Cochituate with his Honor the Mayor and the City Council of Boston, on Friday next, September 23d.

Cars leave the Boston and Worcester Railroad Station at 10 o'clock A. M.

Very respectfully, yours,

EBENEZER JOHNSON, *President.*

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On motion of Rep. BARRY, of Indiana, the invitation tendered was accepted.

Rep. BARRY, of Indiana, moved the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That Bro. J. W. ORR be requested to engrave a view of the design of the Wildey Monument, adopted by this Grand Body, and publish the same in the "American Odd-Fellow," that the several Lodges contributing to the enterprise may have a better conception of the appropriate commemoration of our Father and Founder than can be gathered from the description given in the report of the committee.

Rep. SIMPSON, of Pennsylvania, moved the following resolution, which was referred to the Legislative Committee:

Resolved, That in any case where an appeal is taken from the decision of any State Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment, and the Subordinate Grand Body shall fail to settle the questions of fact, or the executive officer and Grand Scribe or Secretary shall neglect or refuse to certify them, as required by the resolution adopted at the last session, (Journal, pp. 3532, 3533,) that shall be deemed a sufficient reason to reverse the decision of such Grand Body, unless some satisfactory reason shall be given for such neglect or refusal.

Rep. SLATER, of Ohio, moved the following resolution, which was referred to the Legislative Committee:

Resolved, That the Legislative Committee be instructed to inquire into the necessity of an amendment to the By-Laws, to designate some emblem or device, to be worn on the collar or sash of a P. C. P., showing his rank, and that the committee be instructed to report such amendment, if, in their judgment, it may be necessary.

Rep. GRISWOLD, of Illinois, moved the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the Grand Corresponding Secretary be and he is hereby directed to present to each Grand Representative, who has not already received the same, one copy of the bound Revised Journal and Digest.

Rep. CASSEDY, of New Jersey, from the special committee on that subject, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

Your special committee, to whom was referred the following query of Rep. SANDERS, of Northern New York:

Can the M. W. Grand Sire legally appoint a Past Grand Sire, not a representative, to act upon any of the committees, either standing or special, of this R. W. Grand Lodge?

Ask leave to report that at the session of 1852 Grand Sire MOORE ruled as follows:

The Past Grand Sires are permanent members of this body, possessing all the rights and privileges of other members, except the right of voting and having their expenses paid, &c.

This decision was acquiesced in by the Grand Lodge, and has at no subsequent period been reversed.

We therefore recommend that an affirmative answer be given to the inquiry.

Fraternally submitted.

GEO. W. CASSEDY,
R. A. LAMBERTON.

The undersigned, a member of the above special committee, assents to the conclusion of the majority of the committee upon the ground that article 10 of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of the United States gives Past Grand Sires all the privileges of Grand Representatives except that of voting.

Fraternally submitted.

B. S. MERRIAM.

Rep. McLEAN, of District of Columbia, from the Committee on Printing, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Printing, to whom was referred the proposals for printing the Revised Journal for 1864, would respectfully report that after a careful examination of the three proposals submitted, they have agreed to and hereby recommend that the contract be awarded to Bro. JOHN Y. SLATER, his being the lowest bid; and therefore submit the following resolution for adoption:

Resolved, That the R. W. Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary be and he is hereby authorized to contract with Bro. JOHN Y. SLATER, of the city of Baltimore, for the printing of the Journal of Proceedings of the present session in accordance with his proposals herewith submitted and marked "Accepted by the Committee on Printing;" the paper marked "approved" to be used by the contractor in printing the same.

Fraternally submitted.

WM. R. McLEAN,
J. FLETCHER WILLIAMS,
WM. P. BUELL,
ALLEN C. LEWIS,
M. H. COOLEY.

Rep. Ross, of New Jersey, from the Committee on Finance, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Finance respectfully recommend that supplies shall hereafter be sold at the following prices:

Cards	$ 25 each.
Odes	10
Form for Degree Lodges	10
Charge Books	3 00
Degree Books	3 00
Degree of Rebekah	2 00
Installation Books	2 00
Institution Books	2 00
Grand Lodge Books	3 00
Grand Encampment Books	3 00
Encampment Books	3 00
Funeral Ceremony	1 00

Diplomas, $1.50, with discount of 25 per cent. when 25 or more copies are sold.

Digest, $2.00 each, with a discount of 25 per cent. when 25 or more copies are purchased.

Bound Jounals, $3.50 per volume, with a discount of 25 per cent. when 10 or more sets are purchased

THEO. A. ROSS,
ISAAC M. VEITCH,
F. A. ELLIS,
EDWARD P. BURNHAM,
E. D. FARNSWORTH.

On motion of Rep. Foster, of Michigan, Rep. Gilman, of Michigan, was excused from attendance for the remainder of the session.

The hour fixed by special order for adjournment this day, viz. 12 o'clock, having arrived, the M. W. Grand Sire declared the Lodge adjourned until 8 o'clock this evening

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Thursday Evening, 8 o'clock, September 22, 1864

The R. W. Grand Lodge assembled pursuant to adjournment. Present:

JAMES B. NICHOLSON .....M. W. Grand Sire.
RICHARD MARLEY.....R. W. D. Grand Sire, *p. t.*
JAMES L. RIDGELY.....R. W. Grand Cor. and Rec. Secretary.
JOSHUA VANSANT.....R. W. Grand Treasurer.
B. W. DENNIS.....R. W. Grand Marshal.
AUGUSTUS PFAFF .....R. W. Grand Guardian.
JOHN E. CHAMBERLAIN.....R. W. Grand Messenger.

And a quorum of Grand Bodies.

Rep. Kingsbury, of Maine, from the Committee on Correspondence, made the following report:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Correspondence having carefully examined the communications submitted to their consideration, respectfully report that the subject-matters of the various papers have been already attended to by the proper officers of the Grand Lodge, and demand no further notice on the part of this committee.

They cannot, however, refrain from expressing their high gratification at the encouraging prospects of the Order, as developed in the correspondence submitted to them. They would particularly refer to the condition of the institution in Louisiana, a jurisdiction which, in former years, held high rank in the Order, but which, by the fortune of war, has for a long period been cut off from the common affiliation. An earnest-hearted member of the R. W. Grand Lodge of Louisiana, writing from New Orleans, under date of March 9, 1864, to the M. W. Grand Sire, says:

"It was no uncommon sight, last year, to see over twenty Lodges represented in one room on the same evening; and at the January session of our R. W. Grand Lodge, 107 Past Grands participated in the business of the evening. * * * *

"Not only are we numerically as strong as we were previous to the war, but we are as strong in the great principles of our brotherhood."

Your committee, from the correspondence before them, draw the pleasant inference that when the former relation of the several States of the Union to each other shall be fraternally restored, our beloved Order will reap the happy fruits of that restoration, and that every star in the constellation of a united Odd-Fellowship, now hidden by the smoke of battle, will ultimately reappear in its appropriate place.

The committee deem it a privilege to recognise gratefully the efforts of Grand Sire NICHOLSON to sustain, encourage, and strengthen the Order in that disturbed portion of our country. The correspondence submitted to us affords ample evidence of this, and as an illustration in point we submit the accompanying letter of that distinguished brother, dated June 3, 1864, to the Grand Secretary of the R. W. Grand Lodge of Louisiana, the publication of which we respectfully request.

Fraternally submitted.

BENJ. KINGSBURY, JR.
E. H. TUCKER, JR.
B. S. MERRIAM,
W. H. HOPKINS,
JAMES WOOD.

I. O. O. F.
OFFICE OF THE GRAND SIRE, R. W. G. L. U. S.
PHILADELPHIA, JUNE 3, 1864.

HENRY BIER, Esq., *R. W. Grand Secretary Grand Lodge of Louisiana.*

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER: Since the receipt of your letter of the 9th of March, for which I thank you, I have written to Past Grand Rep. STETSON in relation to sending Representatives to the next session of the Grand Lodge of the United States from Louisiana, and I take the liberty of writing through you to the Grand Officers and the Grand Lodge upon the same subject, assuring you that it will be to me an unspeakable pleasure to welcome the brothers, and give them the right hand of fellowship and good-will. The sublime mission of Odd-Fellowship is to all the world; the Grand Lodge of the United States aims only to extend and perpetuate the pure principles of the Order, and to unite in fraternal bonds good and true men everywhere, that by and through the power of organized effort man may be elevated from the low lands of selfishness to the higher lands of beneficence, and to that pure enjoyment that is the result of good thoughts and unselfish actions. It is to me a source of gratification to learn that Odd-Fellowship has not been overthrown in New Orleans by the storms of the outer world, but that the earnest and true brethren still gather round our altars, there to hear the same language that is spoken by all true Odd-Fellows throughout the land, and to practice to the extent of their ability the divine injunctions of Charity. I am with them in spirit, and humbly pray God to bless them in their labors. That the Order has sustained itself in your city, makes me feel proud that I am an Odd-Fellow.

Send up your Representatives, and no exertion on my part will be spared to send them back to you with their hearts filled with joy and gladness. They will do you good on their return, quicken the energies of the brethren, and advance the cause of human fraternity and human Love.

The Order is everywhere recovering its lost ground, and a revived interest is being manifested, which will, I trust, prove permanent.

With sentiments of the highest consideration,

I remain in the bonds of Friendship, Love, and Truth,

Truly your brother,
JAMES B. NICHOLSON, *Grand Sire.*

On motion of Rep. MERRIAM, of Iowa, the rule requiring reports to lay over for one day was suspended, and the report was considered and adopted.

Rep. Ross, of New Jersey, rose in his place, and addressed the Lodge as follows:

MOST WORTHY GRAND SIRE AND REPRESENTATIVES: The sad duty devolves upon me of announcing to this Grand Lodge the death of P. G. Representative JOSEPH N. TAYLOR, who formerly represented his native State of New Jersey in this Grand Ladge.

P. G. Rep. TAYLOR was a member of Benevolent Lodge, No. 2, of Paterson, New Jersey, and for a long series of years, and down to the very time of his death, was one of her most assiduous sons. His was a character of wonderful value to every person or association with which he was connected. He was capable, earnest, enthusiastic, and of the purest integrity. With his heart full of kindness and generosity for his fellow-men, he came to the shrine of Odd-Fellowship, and professed his faith in her sublime creed, as naturally as the needle turns to the pole; and, even after his union with her sons, his life was a perpetual illustration of the lessons he learned from her oracles.

To him the messenger of death came like a thunderbolt in a cloudless sky. At the time of his decease he was Speaker of the House of Assembly of New Jersey. On Tuesday, March 29th, 1864, he was attacked by what proved to be his last sickness, and on the following Saturday his spirit left its tabernacle of clay for another sphere of existence.

P. G. Rep. JOSEPH N. TAYLOR died at Paterson, Passaic county, New Jersey, on Saturday, April 2d, 1864, aged forty years.

Rep. GRISWOLD, of Illinois, from the Legislative Committee, made the following report:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Legislative Committee, to whom was referred the preamble and resolution of Grand Rep. HAVENNER, of the District of Columbia, found on page 3680 of the Journal, have considered the same, and would respectully report that it is inexpedient to authorize the forming of associations as proposed, even had this Grand Lodge the power to do so, which it evidently has not, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

GEO. W. CASSEDY,
R. A. LAMBERTON,
J. GRISWOLD,
THOS. T. SMILEY,
H. L. PAGE.

On motion of Rep. LOGAN, of Kansas, the rule was suspended, and the report was considered and adopted.

Rep. WEMMELL, of Southern New York, rose in his place, and addressed the Lodge as follows:

MOST WORTHY GRAND SIRE AND REPRESENTATIVES: The stern and unrelenting hand of death, which is continually reaping and gathering its harvests from the ranks of humanity, has again visited the field of our fellowship, and taken away from us two of our most faithful and beloved brothers, who were laboring in the cause of the brotherhood of man.

Southern New York mourns for her dead, her chairs are covered with the tapestry of mourning, her council chamber has become silent; we pause in our career, because the spoiler has come upon her.

Our brother ABRAHAM D. WILSON, and our brother ANDRE FROMENT, Past Grand Representative of the R. W. Grand Lodge of Southern New York to this Right Worthy Grand Lodge of the United States, were summoned to their homes, to receive the reward of well doing from our Protector, our Father, and our God.

Our esteemed Brother ABRAHAM D. WILSON represented New York in the years

1843 and 1844. He was a man of congenial temperament and warm sympathy. Heaven blessed him with a remarkable happy disposition, which caused those around him to partake of his flow of spirit and feast of wit, and dispel those unhappy moments that make life so feverish and fitful, on an overwrought mind, in the busy cares and anxieties of this eventful life. He was a faithful member of our beloved Order for many long years. In his time he performed well his part.

Our beloved Brother ANDRE FROMENT represented the Grand Lodge of Southern New York for the years 1852-3-4 and 5, with marked ability, and to the satisfaction and gratification of the brotherhood. His energies of life and care of his soul were always given and placed in the balance to favor and advance the best interest of his fellow-man, and, like the Good Samaritan of old, he would never pass by and go on the other side, but, as a true *bona fide* Odd-Fellow, would bind up the wound of the fallen, and dry away the tear of the afflicted, and with an outstretched arm, coming from his warm and sympathetic heart, would relieve the distressed and needy from the bounty which the Father gave in stewardship for the less fortunate of His children.

I will not detain you with a more lengthy comment on the life of our dear brother; they who knew him best knew him but to love him, with love of gratitude. His Lodge, Enterprise, No. 36, where he has labored for the past twenty-two years, claims him for her own. They have met with an almost irreparable loss. His example and power will be felt in her future history, as in the past, with beneficial effect. His character was like that described by the patriot Adams, who said:

"I want a warm and faithful friend
To cheer the adverse hour,
Who ne'er to flattery would descend,
Nor bend his knee to power."

His deeds do follow after him, and the world is better because he lived.

But, above all and beyond all, this affliction speaks to us in unerring language of admonition that *our* tents will soon be taken down, and our spirits will soar away to our God.

Let us bow our heads in reverence low to the earth, and hear the sweet tones of speech of our departed brothers come whispering out of the dust from their lingering spirits, proclaiming God is love. His wonder is known in the dark as well as in the light. His loving kindness is declared to us even from the grave,

"Death where is thy sting?"

The angel of love, covered in the mantle of charity, has conducted us to the garden of immortal life. Men and brethren tarry yet a little longer.

"We will meet again."

Rep. STERN, of Southern New York, rose in his place and addressed the Lodge as follows:

MOST WORTHY GRAND SIRE AND BRETHREN: Although my worthy colleague has already announced to this R. W. Body the demise of P. G. M., P. C. Patriarch and P. G. Rep. FROMENT, the intimate acquaintance of many years subsisting between the deceased and myself, and the fact of my being absent at the time of his demise, whereby I was deprived of expressing the eulogy justly due to the departed, I therefore embrace this opportunity of seconding the request just now made, by asking that this public tribute to his worth be placed upon your record. For many years previous to his decease, Brother FROMENT had been suffering, and on the 17th day of December last death claimed its victim. Thus passed away, in the meridian of life, one who by his many noble qualities

had endeared himself to all those with whom be was associated in the various relations of life. Brother FROMENT was born in the city of New York, February 4th, 1820, and became connected with our institution in the year 1841. By his zealous and untiring devotion to the duties which the Order imposes upon its members, he so secured the confidence and esteem of those with whom he was associated that they have confided nearly every trust within their gift to his care. The records of his Lodge and Encampment will show that he has served in nearly every office, while the Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment of his jurisdiction have bestowed their highest honors upon him. But it was not only in the Order that his noble and philanthropic life was recognised; his career was so characterized by fidelity that it secured to him lasting esteem and unbounded confidence. He was intrusted with heavy responsibilities by the Government of the United States. He was chosen by a confiding constituency as their representative in the highest branches of the City Government. His able counsel was sought by the Governor of his State, and he was selected a member of a select committee to revise the charter of the city of New York.

When the unfortunate state of hostilities that are now distressing our beloved country first took place, and every loyal State, city, and village prepared for the defence of our glorious flag, his spotless character and acknowledged abilities secured for him the chairmanship of the Committee on National Affairs of the Empire City. This was the end of his official life.

He beautifully and commendably discharged the duties of a husband and father; he.blessed the domestic circle by the most cherished of domestic virtues. In his loss a home has been deprived of its sunlight, society of an ornament and friend, the country has lost a faithful citizen and patriot, our Order mourns the departure of one of its brightest ornaments and most useful members. He was a true Odd-Fellow, and God's noblest work, an honest man.

Rep. SHUSTER, of California, rose in his place and addressed the Lodge as follows:

MOST WORTHY GRAND SIRE: On me devolves the sad duty to announce to this Grand Lodge the death of our much esteemed brother, Past Grand Rep. T. C. OSBORN, who departed this life at Stockton, California, on the 17th day of April, 1864, in the thirty-fifth year of his age.

Language can give but a feeble expression of the merits of this beloved Brother, who has labored so earnestly for the cause of humanity. As an Odd-Fellow, he was ever faithful to act with that zeal and integrity which animates our fraternity; and, while we mourn his loss, we can but trust that he is reaping the reward of his labors.

On motion of Rep. RUCKER, of Illinois, the Lodge agreed to consider the amendment to the By-Laws proposed by him, page 3671, as follows:

Resolved, That Article XXII. of the By-Laws of this Grand Lodge be amended as follows:

Strike out of the first paragraph the words "aprons and," and the words "the aprons of the elective and appointed officers shall be white, trimmed with the color of the collar or sash indicated for the office;" and insert in place of the words last mentioned the words "The regalia for an initiatory member shall be a white apron."

Strike out of the second paragraph the words "and aprons—either white, trimmed with scarlet, or scarlet, trimmed with white. The aprons and collars, or sashes of Past Grands;" and insert in their place the word "which."

Strike out of the fourth paragraph the words "and the aprons and collars," where they occur in the latter part of the first sentence, and the words "and aprons," where they occur in the last sentence in that paragraph, and insert in the paragraph after the word "gloves" the words "for members of the Patriarchal and Golden Rule Degrees."

On motion of Rep. J. A. J. Bohen, of California, the amendment was ordered to lie on the table.

Rep. Barry, of Indiana, moved the following resolutions, which were unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That thanks is a feeble word to express our gratification for the hearty welcome, generous hospitality, and liberal entertainment extended to us by our Boston brethren.

Resolved, That their kindness, generosity, and liberality will abide in our memories as vividly and enduringly as the remembrance of the monuments which commemorate their heroes attest their appreciation of art and science, of their unrivalled memorials of the dead, and of the munificent evidences of their devotion to religion, philanthropy, and education.

Rep. Escavaille, of Maryland, moved the following resolution, which was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That, as an earnest expression of our appreciation for the many acts of kindness and courtesy shown us by the most Worthy Grand Master, Officers, and Brethren of the R. W. Grand Lodge of Massachusetts during the present session of the Grand Lodge, a copy of the resolutions submitted by Rep. Barry, of Indiana, be engrossed and transmitted to the R. W. Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, attested by the seal and the signatures of the officers of this Grand Lodge.

On motion of Rep. Hopkins, of Pennsylvania, the rule was suspended requiring reports to lay on the table for one day, and

The Lodge, on motion, proceeded to the consideration of reports of committees in the order in which they appear in the Journal.

The first report, being from the Committee on the State of the Order on the decisions of the Grand Sire, page 3688, was considered and adopted.

The next report from the same committee, page 3689, on the queries submitted by Rep. Ransom, of Kentucky, was considered and adopted.

The next report, being from the Legislative Committee, page 3663, on the resolutions of Rep. Escavaille, of Maryland, and Rep. Lamberton, of Pennsylvania, page 3665, was considered and adopted.

The next report, being from the Committee on Finance, page 3691, on the resolution of Rep. Logan, of Kansas, upon the subject of a form of card for the members of defunct Lodges, was considered and adopted.

The next report, from the same committee, page 3691, on printing the report of the Committee on Revision, was considered and adopted.

The next report, being from the Committee on Appeals, page 3691, on appeal of Mercantile Lodge, No. 47, of Southern New York, was considered and adopted.

The next report, being from the Committee on Petitions, page 3693, on the charter of Union Lodge, No. 1, Colorado Territory, was considered and adopted.

Rep. DAVIS, of Southern New York, moved the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Committee on Mileage and Per Diem be instructed, in making their report, to allow the representative from Oregon, in addition to the mileage from New York here, the mileage from Boston back to Oregon.

On motion of Rep. MERRIAM, of Iowa, the resolution was indefinitely postponed.

Rep. BURNHAM, of Maine, from the Committee on Finance, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

In view of the important aid received during the session from P. G. Rep. JAMES YOUNG, in the printing of the proceedings of this session, the Committee of Finance submit the following resolution:

Resolved, That the R. W. Grand Treasurer be authorized to pay Bro. YOUNG, for the service so rendered, the sum of fifty dollars.

EDWARD P. BURNHAM,
E. D. FARNSWORTH,
THEO. A. ROSS,
ISAAC M. VEITCH,
F. A. ELLIS.

Rep. CAMPBELL, of Indiana, moved that when the Grand Lodge adjourns this evening, it will adjourn over to to-morrow morning at 8 o'clock, which was resolved in the affirmative.

Rep. MERRIAM, of Iowa, moved that the Grand Lodge will adjourn *sine die* to-morrow at $7\frac{1}{2}$ o'clock P. M.

Rep. CHIDSEY, of Ohio, moved to amend by striking out $7\frac{1}{2}$ o'clock to-morrow, and insert $7\frac{1}{2}$ o'clock on Saturday.

On motion of Rep. KAY, of Delaware, the whole subject was ordered to lie on the table.

Rep. SIMPSON, of Pennsylvania, moved the following resolution, which was resolved in the negative:

Resolved, That during the remainder of this session no member shall be allowed to speak more than five minutes on any question, nor more than once except to explain.

The next report, from the same committee, page 3693, upon the petition of J. G. SMITH, now of California, and formerly of Virginia, was considered and adopted.

The next report, being from the Committee on Finance, page 3695, on the estimate of the receipts and expenditures of the Lodge, was considered and adopted.

The next report, being from the Committee on the State of the Order, page 3696, on the subject of the appointment of a Special Commissioner for West Virginia, and the form of commission to him issued by the M. W. Grand Sire, was considered and adopted.

The next report, being from the Committee on Grand Bodies not Represented, page 3696, was considered and adopted.

The next report, being from the special committee on the subject of the query submitted by Rep. SANDERS, of Northern New York, page 3700, was considered, and, on motion, the report was ordered to lie on the table.

The next report, being from the Committee on Printing, page 3701, authorizing a contract for printing the Revised Journal, was considered and adopted.

The next report, being from the Committee on Finance, page 3701, on the price of supplies, was considered and adopted.

On motion of Rep. GRISWOLD, of Illinois, the Lodge resolved itself into secret session.

After some hours passed in secret session, the Lodge resumed its ordinary business.

On motion of Rep. GRISWOLD, of Illinois, it was resolved that the resolutions on the subject of convivial practices, adopted in secret session, be spread upon the printed Journal.

On motion of Rep. GRISWOLD, of Illinois, the following resolutions were unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That all refreshments in the way of edibles or beverage (except water) shall be strictly excluded from all Lodge rooms, or ante-rooms, or halls, connected with or adjoining thereto, under the control of any Subordinate or Degree Lodge or Encampment of this Order.

Resolved, That no Subordinate Lodge or Encampment of this Order shall hold any anniversary or other celebration, ball or party, where the regalia of the Order may be worn, or the name of the Order assumed, without the consent of the Grand Master or Grand Patriarch of the jurisdiction first obtained in writing—such permission to be predicated only upon the direct promise, through the officers of the Subordinate seeking the permission, that no intoxicating beverages of any kind shall be offered by them to the members or guests present on the occasion.

Resolved, That the several State Grand Bodies under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge shall proceed to adopt and promulgate, for the information of their respective Subordinates, such laws as will most effectually attain the results hereby sought to be accomplished.

Rep. ESCAVAILLE, of Maryland, from the Committee on the State of the Order, made the following report, which was considered and adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on the State of the Order, to which was referred so much of the report of the M. W. Grand Sire as made to the present session of the Grand Lodge, and which relates to a decision made by that officer upon a question submitted to him by the M. W. Grand Master of California in relation to the law for the admission of non-affiliated Odd-Fellows, ask leave to report that they have carefully considered the same, and find that the decision of the M. W. Grand Sire is consistent with existing law upon that subject. They therefore recommend that the same be confirmed.

Fraternally submitted.

JOSEPH B. ESCAVAILLE,
W. CHIDSEY,
J. W. STOKES,
WILLIAM ELLISON,
J. P. SANDERS.

On motion, the Lodge adjourned until to-morrow morning at 8 o'clock.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 1864—8 o'clock A. M.

The R. W. Grand Lodge assembled pursuant to adjournment. Present:

JAMES B. NICHOLSON .....M. W. Grand Sire.
RICHARD MARLEY .....R. W. D. Grand Sire, *p. t.*
JAMES L. RIDGELY.....R. W. Grand Cor. and Rec. Secretary.
JOSHUA VANSANT.....R. W. Grand Treasurer.
B. W. DENNIS .....R. W. Grand Marshal.
AUGUSTUS PFAFF .....R. W. Grand Guardian.
JOHN E. CHAMBERLAIN .....R. W. Grand Messenger.

And a Representation from a quorum of Grand Bodies.

The R. W. Deputy Grand Sire, by order of the M. W. Grand Sire, declared the Lodge open for business.

On motion of Rep. TERWILLIGER, of Northern New York, the reading of the Journal of yesterday was dispensed with.

The Jurisdictions being called under the rule,

Rep. MERRIAM, of Iowa, laid on the table the following amendments to the constitution:

Amend section 5 of article 1st, by striking out the words "by the unanimous vote," and inserting, in lieu thereof, the words *with the concurrence of four-fifths of the members* of this Grand Lodge.

Amend section 5 of article 1st, by striking out the words "four-fifths" in the *ninth line*, and inserting the words *three-fourths*.

Seconded by
B. S. MERRIAM, Iowa.
JOS. L. LAMB, New Jersey.
JOHN F. DRISCOL, Rhode Island.

Rep. BURNHAM, of Maine, from the Committee on Finance, made the following report, with accompanying resolution, which was considered and adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Finance recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be and he is hereby authorized to sell the stereotype plates of the old Digest.

EDWARD P. BURNHAM,
E. D. FARNSWORTH,
F. A. ELLIS,
ISAAC M. VEITCH,
THEO. A. ROSS.

Rep. LOGAN, of Kansas, moved the following, resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That there be appointed a select committee of five to inquire into the question as to what legislation, if any, is required to render the Degree of Rebekah more practical, more useful, and susceptible of more general adoption by the wives of Odd-Fellows; said committee to report at the next session of this Grand Lodge.

Rep. ELLIS, of Maryland, moved the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the draft of the R. W. Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary upon the Treasurer shall be sufficient warrant to the Grand Treasurer for the payment of the claims against the Grand Lodge at this session, or growing out of its legislation thereof.

Rep. ELLIS, of Maryland, from the special committee on that subject, made the following report, with accompanying resolutions, which were unanimously adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The special committee, to whom was referred so much of the Most Worthy Grand Sire's report as relates to the death of Deputy Grand Sire WILLIAM H. YOUNG, of Maryland, ask leave to report,

That they have had the melancholy subject committed to them under consideration, and respectfully submit the following tribute to the memory of that distinguished and deeply lamented brother.

On the morning of the 22d of June, 1864, while on his way from his home in the city of Baltimore to the city of Philadelphia, to meet his fellow-members of a committee of this Grand Body, having in charge a delicate and highly important trust, the projected monument to the memory of the Father of our Order, Deputy Grand Sire YOUNG was, by an appalling accident, suddenly stricken down in the full vigor and pride of life, and without a moment's warning hurried into eternity.

Fearfully, most fearfully indeed, have we been thus again admonished of that oft-repeated, but too little heeded verity,

"In the midst of life we are in death."

Unable to penetrate the veil which hides from our finite view the wisdom of this mysterious Providence, we bow with reverence to the decree of the Supreme Disposer of events, and say "Thy will be done."

Nevertheless, it is our melancholy privilege to cherish in our hearts fond recollections of fraternal greetings and kindly social intercourse with our beloved and departed brother, and to place upon the record of this Grand Lodge in the deliberations of which he participated with such distinguished ability, a tribute to his memory, and a memento of our high admiration of those qualities which distinguished him as an Odd-Fellow and a gentleman.

Deputy Grand Sire Wm. H. Young united with the Order as a member of Monumental Lodge, No. 14, of Maryland, in the year 1848, and passing through all the grades of office in a Subordinate Lodge with great faithfulness, and more than ordinary ability, he entered the Grand Lodge of Maryland in the year 1856, and in four years reached the high position of Grand Master of that ancient jurisdiction. Filling that high office with ability seldom if ever equalled, he was subsequently elected for two consecutive terms a representative of the Grand Lodge of Maryland in the Grand Lodge of the United States, and at the close of his second term, in the year 1862, with singular unanimity was elected to the elevated position he filled at the period of his untimely death.

The rapidity with which the honors of the Order which many of his compeers were ambitious to obtain were crowded upon him is evidence unquestioned of the high appreciation in which his talents and acquirements were held by the brotherhood. He was an Odd-Fellow of the finest mould—a man to the full stature—educated, intelligent, comprehensive in his philanthropy and firm in his maintenance of the right. His urbanity of manners was that which sprang from native goodness of heart, and not that creature of a vitiated condition of society which clothes the face in smiles while the heart is cold and emotionless.

As a presiding officer he had few superiors. He was gifted with a mind of singularly critical and discriminating power; his apprehension of the points submitted to him was accurate, his determinations prompt, and his enunciation of them clear, comprehensive, and in words fitly chosen; while the courtesy of his bearing disarmed opposition, and his open, manly, and sincere nature invited confidence, and inspired the respect of an admiring brotherhood. Our grief for his untimely loss is augmented by the consideration of his passionate attachment and devotion to the Order and its principles—having yielded up his dying breath as he journeyed to meet his obligations as an officer and an Odd-Fellow.

The committee respectfully submit the annexed resolutions:

Resolved, That the Grand Lodge of the United States has just cause to be proud of the abilities and natural endowments of its late Deputy Grand Sire, William H. Young, whom the Order regarded as one of its brightest ornaments and most faithful votaries.

Resolved, That, as a tribute of respect for his memory, the chairs of the officers of this Grand Lodge be draped in mourning, and the name of the deceased be entered on the Obituary Tablet annexed to the Journal of this Grand Body.

F. A. ELLIS,
J. B. GILMAN,
E. H. BARRY.

Rep. Terwilliger, of Northern New York, moved the following resolution, which was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That as a feeble expression of the regard which the members of this R. W. Grand Lodge hold toward our M. W. Grand Sire James B. Nicholson, they hereby tender him their most hearty approbation of the manner in which he has presided over the deliberations of this R. W. Grand Body, for the ability,

impartiality, and courtesy displayed in his official capacity, and their thanks for the zeal and industry displayed during his term of office to advance the interests of the Order; and that in whatever station of life his future may call him, he will ever have our best wishes for his happiness and prosperity.

Resolved, That the R. W. Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary cause a copy of these resolutions to be properly engrossed, framed, and presented to Grand Sire NICHOLSON, to be paid for from the treasury of this Grand Lodge.

Rep. DAVIES, of Southern New York, moved the following resolution, which, on motion, was ordered to lie on the table:

Resolved, That no new business will be entertained by this Grand Body after the close of this morning session.

Rep. ELLIS, of Maryland, moved the following resolution, which was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That the Most Worthy Grand Sire, JAMES B. NICHOLSON, be and he is hereby requested to prepare, on behalf of the members of this Grand Body, a suitable address to the officers and members of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, acknowledging our high sense of the courtesies extended to us by these brethren, and through their influence by the city authorities and other public bodies, and private citizens of Boston, during the present session of this Grand Lodge, to be signed by the officers and members of this Grand Lodge at this session.

Resolved, That, when so prepared, he be requested to cause the same to be elegantly inscribed on a large sheet of paper, and appropriately framed, and transmitted to the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, as a lasting testimonial of our gratitude and fraternal regard.

Rep. BURNHAM, of Maine, laid on the table the following amendment to the constitution:

To amend Art. VII of the constitution by striking out from the 1st clause of section 1, the words "By the Grand Sire attested," and the words "Under the seal of the Grand Lodge."

Seconded by
EDWARD P. BURNHAM, Maine.
BENJ. KINGSBURY, JR.
W. H. HOPKINS, Pennsylvania.
E. H. BARRY, Indiana.

Rep. TUCKER of Massachusetts, moved the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the Representatives from each jurisdiction be requested to decide, by lot or otherwise, which of them shall receive the copy of the Revised Digest distributed at this session, the Representatives receiving them to receipt to the R. W. Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary for the same; and that when a sufficient number of copies are received from the binder, the R. W. Grand Corresponding Secretary furnish a copy to each of the other members of this R. W. Grand Lodge.

Past Grand Sire ELLISON, of Massachusetts, moved the following resolution, which was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That a copy of the Journal of this R. W. Grand Lodge be presented to Harvard University, and also copies of such other publications relating to the history and progress of our institution as may be in the possession of the Grand Lodge.

On motion of Rep. RANSOM, of Kentucky, the vote had, declining to grant a copy of the Revised Journal to Yale College, was reconsidered, and the resolution of Rep. BURWELL, of Connecticut, page 5677, directing the presentation of a copy of the Revised Journal to the Library of Yale College, was considered and adopted.

Rep. SIMPSON, of Pennsylvania, moved the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That this Grand Lodge will adjourn *sine die* to-morrow, Saturday, September 24, 1864, at 12 o'clock M.

Rep. GRISWOLD, of Illinois, from the Legislative Committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

Your Legislative Committee have had under consideration the following resolution, offered by Rep. SIMPSON, of Pennsylvania, viz:

Resolved, That in any case where an appeal is taken from the decision of any State Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment, and the Subordinate Grand Body shall fail to settle the question of fact, or the Executive officer and Grand Scribe or Secretary shall neglect or refuse to certify them, as required by the resolution adopted at the last session, (Journal, pp. 3532, 3533,) such neglect or failure to certify shall be deemed a sufficient reason to reverse the decision of such Grand Body, unless some satisfactory reason shall be given for such neglect or refusal.

And would recommend its adoption.

Respectfully submitted.

G. W. CASSEDY,
J. GRISWOLD,
THOMAS T. SMILEY,

Rep. BURNHAM, of Maine, from the Committee on Finance, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Finance recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the sum of sixty dollars be paid Grand Sire NICHOLSON for his expenses in visiting Western Virginia, and for his postages and express charges for the last two years.

EDWARD P. BURNHAM,
E. D. FARNSWORTH,
ISAAC M. VEITCH,
THEODORE A. ROSS,
F. A. ELLIS.

Rep. DRISCOL, of Rhode Island, from the Committee on Returns, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Returns, to whom was referred the returns of the various Grand and Subordinate Bodies under the jurisdiction of the R. W. Grand Lodge, having examined the returns submitted to them, report that they find them to be correct, except in cases hereinafter reported.

No reports have been received from the Grand Lodges of Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi, Florida, Louisiana, Texas, Arkansas, Lower Provinces, B. N., and the Grand Encampments of Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Alabama, Texas, Louisiana, and Mississippi.

Your committee are gratified in the fact that this year the returns are more accurate than those given last year; yet we find that some of the reports do not compare with the returns made at that time. But we still hope that, by keeping the subject before the minds and eye of those whose duty it is to make out these reports, the time will soon come when, by taking the number of members reported in one year, adding thereto the gain, and deducting therefrom the number who may have been expelled, suspended, withdrawn, or deceased, the true number of members of our great brotherhood will appear.

The table hereto annexed will exhibit the reports which are deficient, together with the deficiency.

The Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Northern New York reports as follows: "Number of Lodges instituted, not all now working, 497." Attention was called to this matter at the last session of this Grand Body, as it is impossible for the Grand Secretary of this Grand Lodge to make a correct report of the number of Lodges without a proper report from the Grand Secretaries, the committee would offer the annexed resolution.

Resolved, That the Grand Lodge of Northern New York be required to instruct their Grand Secretary to report to this Grand Body the number of working Lodges in that jurisdiction, in conformity to the law of this Grand Lodge.

Respectfully submitted.

JOHN F. DRISCOL,
J. F. SCHIEFER,
JOSEPH KIRKUP,
GEORGE T. KAY.

TABLE ACCOMPANYING REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RETURNS.

Lodges.	Members as per report for 1863.	Admissions.	Withdrawals.	Members as per report for 1864.	Unaccounted for.
Southern New York	6,680	987	617	6,854	196
Wisconsin	1,631	388	368	1,901	250
Ohio	19,480	2,362	2,242	19,870	219
New Jersey	4,490	569	187	4,147	625
Kentucky	3,463	475	243	3,472	223
Delaware	1,682	249	35	1,712	184
Indiana	7,939	601	323	8,040	177
Tennessee	1,375	201	430	868	273

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Encampments.	Members as per report for 1863.	Admissions.	Withdrawals.	Members as per report for 1864.	Unaccounted for.
California	654	195	44	782	84
Indiana	1,611	102	65	1,648	68
Missouri	472	58	44	300	216
Ohio	3,624	344	26	3,736	86
Maryland	1,197	62	1	1,269	71
Kansas	25	11	10	54	19

Rep. Ross, of New Jersey, from the Committee on Finance, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Finance respectfully report that it has been brought to their knowledge that Lodges in some jurisdictions have reported purchased odes from sources not recognised by this Grand Lodge, and such practices are calculated to reduce the revenue of this Grand Lodge, and violate the law passed on this subject in 1846, to be found on page 956 Revised Journal, as follows:

Resolved, That the right to print or publish the lectures, charges, or odes adopted by the Grand Lodge of the United States for the use of the Grand and Subordinate Lodges and Encampments under its jurisdiction, or any portion thereof, or any form of diploma now used by the Grand Lodge of the United States, is exclusively the property of this Grand Lodge; and any violation of this right by Grand or Subordinate Lodges or individuals is in opposition to the laws, rights, and privileges of this Grand Body.

We therefore recommend that all Grand Masters and Grand Patriarchs be required to strictly enforce the above law.

THEO. A. ROSS,
ISAAC M. VEITCH,
E. D. FARNSWORTH,
EDWARD P. BURNHAN,
F. A. ELLIS.

Leave of absence was granted for the remainder of the session to Reps. Burgess and Campbell of Indiana, to Reps. Hopkins, of Pennsylvania, Bridge, of Wisconsin, Beisel, of Michigan, and Ross, of New Jersey.

On motion of Rep. Kay, of Delaware, the Lodge adjourned until this evening at six o'clock.

FRIDAY EVENING, SEPT. 23, 1864—6 O'CLOCK.

The R. W. Grand Lodge assembled pursuant to adjournment. Present:

JAMES B. NICHOLSON .....M. W. Grand Sire.
RICHARD MARLEY.....R. W. D. Grand Sire, *p. t.*
JAMES L. RIDGELY.....R. W. Grand Cor. and Rec. Secretary.
JOSHUA VANSANT.....R. W. Grand Treasurer.
REV. I. D. WILLIAMSON .....R. W. Grand Chaplain.
B. W. DENNIS ....R. W. Grand Marshal.
AUGUSTUS PFAFF ....R. W. Grand Guardian.
JOHN E. CHAMBERLAIN.....R. W. Grand Messenger.

And a quorum of Grand Bodies.

The M. W. Grand Sire announced the appointment of the following committee to fill vacancies in the Committee on the Wildey Monument:

Reps. Ross, of New Jersey; HAVENNER, of District of Columbia; RANSOM, of Kentucky.

Also, the following committee, to wait upon the President of the United States, or other proper authority, on the subject of injury done to the Halls and other property of the Order by military power:

Rep. H. L. PAGE, of Wisconsin; P. G. Sire J. A. KENNEDY, of New York; Reps. E. D. FARNSWORTH, of Tennessee; JOHN W. STOKES, of Pennsylvania; J. A. PIPER, of District of Columbia.

Rep. SANDERS, of Northern New York, from the Committee on the State of the Order, submitted the following report, which was considered and adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was referred the following query of Rep. WILLIAMS, of Minnesota, viz:

"To whom or to what body, and in what form or manner, shall a request be made by a Subordinate Lodge or Encampment to be attached to a Grand Body in an adjoining State, as authorized in By-Law 13, Grand Lodge United States?"

Would respectfully reply: The petition, duly authenticated by the officers of the Lodge or Encampment, should be addressed to the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States. Respectfully submitted.

J. P. SANDERS,
WM. ELLISON,
JOSEPH B. ESCAVAILLE,
J. W. STOKES.

Rep. SANDERS, of Northern New York, from the Committee on the State of the Order, made the following report, which was considered and adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was referred the following resolution, offered by Rep. RANSOM, of Kentucky:

"*Resolved*, That the Subordinate Lodges under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky be and they are hereby authorized and empowered to entertain the petition of persons who do not reside in the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, provided the person petitioning the Lodge shall live nearer the Lodge petitioned than any other Lodge out of the jurisdiction; and provided, further, that no petition shall be received, nor person initiated, when the consent of a foreign jurisdiction under the state of the country can be obtained, unless by the consent of that jurisdiction."

Respectfully report that the resolution offered by the Legislative Committee upon the same subject, and adopted at the annual session of this R. W. Grand Lodge of 1862, and recorded on page 3485 of its proceedings, is, in their opinion, all that is necessary and proper upon this subject.

J. P. SANDERS,
JOSEPH B. ESCAVAILLE,
WM. ELLISON,
J. W. STOKES.

Rep. STOKES, of Pennsylvania, from the Committee on the State of the Order, made the following report, which was considered and adopted:

The R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Commitee on the State of the Order, to whom was referred so much of the report of the M. W Grand Sire as relates to the Subordinate Lodges using the forms for opening and closing of Degree Lodges for the purpose of balloting for degrees, would respectfully suggest that the report of the Committee on the State of the Order of the last session, to whom was referred the above subject, (Journal, page 3558,) is correct in the abstract, but upon a closer scrutiny of the point decided by the M. W. Grand Sire (Journal, page 3512) it appears that there was a misunderstanding of what that point was. Your committee would therefore make the following explanation in order that a question of so much interest to the Order may be plainly understood:

The book for Degree Lodges contemplates two conditions—the first being when a Lodge is engaged in an initiatory degree, and it becomes necessary to open in any other degree during that meeting, it shall be done in the manner prescribed in the Degree Charge Book, page three. In the other case, where a Lodge meets specially for the conferring of Degrees, or as a Degree Lodge, the form as laid down for opening and closing Degree Lodges must be used.

Respectfully submitted.

J. W. STOKES,
JOSEPH B. ESCAVAILLE,
WM. ELLISON,
J. P. SANDERS.

Rep. GRISWOLD, of Illinois, from the Legislative Committee, made the following report, which was considered and adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Legislative Committee, to whom was recommitted their report found on page 3685 of Journal, "with instructions to report upon the whole subject, embracing all other papers relating to it now before them and not yet reported upon," find among the papers thus indicated the following, viz. The resolution of Rep. BARRY of Indiana, found upon page 3679 of Journal, and the preamble and res-

olution of Rep. FARNSWORTH of Tennessee, found on page 6388 of Journal, would respectfully report that they have carefully examined all the papers submitted with a hope that some additional light might be thrown on the subject; but your committee cannot find anything therein which, in their opinion, would warrant any modification in their report already submitted.

They would therefore recommend the adoption of their report found on page 3686 of the Journal, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

G. W. CASSEDY,
W. LAMBERTON,
J. GRISWOLD.

The report of the Legislative Committee, page 3685, on the subject of admitting members of Lodges in States in hostility to the United States into Lodges in the loyal States, was, on motion, now considered, and the question being on the adoption of the report, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Rep. GRISWOLD, of Illinois, from the Legislative Committee, made the following report, which was considered and adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

Your Legislative Committee, having had under consideration the preamble and resolution offered by Rep. FARNSWORTH of Tennessee, on page 3671 of the Journal, upon the subject of expulsions for non-payment of dues by Subordinate Lodges, would respectfully report that by reference to the New Digest, page 58 Art. 4, and the several quotations therein made, it will be seen that the sentiment of this Grand Lodge has ever been adverse to expulsion for non-payment of dues simply, but the matter has always been left to the State Grand Bodies to legislate upon as each may deem advisable. Your committee see no reasons for making any change in the law upon the subject, and ask to be discharged from further consideration of the subject.

Respectfully submitted.
G. W. CASSEDY,
J. GRISWOLD.
R. A. LAMBERTON.

On motion of Rep. MERRIAM, of Iowa, the Lodge agreed to consider the report of the special committee, on page 3700, on the query of Rep. SANDERS, of Northern New York, as to the power of the M. W. Grand Sire to appoint a P. G. Sire on a standing or special committee, and the question being on the adoption of the report, it was resolved in the affirmative.

The Lodge now proceeded to the consideration of reports of committees, in the order in which they appear on the Journal.

The first report, being from the Legislative Committee, page 3714, on the resolution of Rep. SIMPSON, of Pennsylvania, in relation to appeals from State Grand Bodies, was considered and adopted.

The next report, being from the Committee on Finance, page 3714, making an appropriation for the postage and express charges of the M. W. Grand Sire, was considered and adopted.

The next report, being from the Committee on Returns, page 3715, on the several returns of State Grand and Subordinate Bodies, was considered and adopted.

The next report, being from the Committee on Finance, page 3716, on the subject of the publication of odes by unauthorized parties, was considered and adopted.

The next report, being from the Committee on Finance, page 3708, making an appropriation to Brother JAMES YOUNG for services rendered during the session, was considered and adopted.

On motion of Rep. SLATER, of Ohio, the order heretofore adopted fixing twelve o'clock to-morrow as the hour for adjournment *sine die*, was reconsidered, and the question being on the adoption of the order, it was ordered to lie on the table.

Rep. SLATER, of Ohio, from the Committee on Mileage and Per Diem, made the following report, with the accompanying table, which was considered and adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

Your Committee on Mileage and Per Diem herewith present a tabular statement of the mileage and per diem allowed each officer and representative, in accordance with the resolutions adopted at the present session, and submit the following resolution for adoption:

Resolved, That the mileage and per diem allowed in the accompanying table to each officer and representative is hereby ordered to be paid.

WM. F. SLATER.
WM. L. WEMMELL.
J. E. BIDWELL,
A. H. RANSOM,
ALEX. K. MANTZ.

TABLE OF MILEAGE AND PER DIEM.

NAMES.	PROFESSION.	TOWN.	STATE.	DISTANCE FROM BOSTON.	DAYS IN ATTENDANCE.	MILEAGE.	PER DIEM.	TOTAL.
GRAND OFFICERS.								
M. W. G. Sire J. B. Nicholson	Book-binder	Philadelphia	Pennsylvania	319	5	$31 90	$20 00	$51 90
R. W. G. C. & R. S. Jas. L. Ridgely	Farmer	Baltimore Co.	Maryland	426	5	42 60	20 00	62 60
R. W. G. Treasurer Joshua Vansant	Hat Manufacturer	Baltimore	Maryland	417	5	41 70	20 00	61 70
R. W. G. Chap. I. D. Williamson	Clergyman	Rural	Ohio	979	5	97 90	20 00	117 90
R. W. G. Marshal B. W. Dennis	Miller	Byron	Michigan	822	5	82 20	20 00	102 20
R. W. G. Guardian A. Pfaff	Tobacconist	Philadelphia	Pennsylvania	319	5	31 90	20 00	51 90
R. W. G. Mess. J. E. Chamberlain	Shoe Manufacturer	Baltimore	Maryland	417	5	41 70	20 00	61 70
REPRESENTATIVES.								
Bingham, H. C	Nurseryman	Bantford	Canada West	573	5	57 30	20 00	77 30
Bidwell, J. E	Bank Clerk	Middletown	Connecticut	44	5	14 40	20 00	34 40
Burwell, D. E	Manufacturer	Westville	Connecticut	163	5	16 30	20 00	36 30
Bridge, S. I	Broker	Milwaukee	Wisconsin	1026	5	102 60	20 00	122 60
Buell, W. P	Manufacturer	Nashua	New Hampshire	39	5	3 90	20 00	23 90
Bohen, G. T	Builder	San Francisco	California	5798	5	579 80	20 00	599 80
Bohen, J. A. J	Builder	San Francisco	California	5798	5	579 80	20 00	599 80
Burgess, James	Col. 124th reg. Ind. vol.	Indianapolis	Indiana	963	5	96 30	20 00	116 30
Barry, E. H	Grand Secretary	Indianapolis	Indiana	963	5	96 30	20 00	116 30
Beisel, Geo. W	Merchant	White Pigeon	Michigan	917	5	91 70	20 00	111 70
Burnham, E. P	Treas'r Savings Inst'n	Saco	Maine	96	5	9 60	20 00	29 60
Burrell, M. S	Merchant	Portland	Oregon	231	5	23 10	20 00	43 10
Cassedy, Geo. W	Lawyer	Jersey City	New Jersey	232	5	23 20	20 00	43 20
Coleman, Thomas C	Banker	Nashville	Tennessee	1260	5	126 00	20 00	146 00
Chidsey, William	Farmer	Plattsburgh	Ohio	865	5	85 60	20 00	105 60

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NAMES.	PROFESSION.	TOWN.	STATE.	DISTANCE FROM BOSTON.	DAYS IN ATTENDANCE.	MILEAGE.	PER DIEM.	TOTAL.
Cooley, M. H.	Dentist..	Farmington	Iowa	1314	5	131 40	20 00	151 40
Campbell, L. M.	Lawyer	Danville	Indiana	983	5	98 30	20 00	118 30
Dixon, Wm. N.	Merchant	Jeffersonville	Indiana	1071	5	107 10	20 00	127 10
Driscol, John F.	Grand Secretary	Warren	Rhode Island	54	5	5 40	20 00	25 40
Davies, John J.	Agent	New York	New York	231	5	23 10	20 00	43 10
Doe, Ira C.	Teacher	Saco	Maine	96	5	9 60	20 00	29 60
Ellis, F. A.	Lawyer	Elkton	Maryland	365	5	36 50	20 00	56 50
Escavaille, Jos. B.	Grand Secretary	Baltimore	Maryland	417	5	41 70	20 00	61 70
Foster, F. M.	Dentist	Jackson	Michigan	831	5	83 10	20 00	103 10
Farnsworth, E. D.	Insurance Agent	Nashville	Tennessee	1260	5	126 00	20 00	146 00
Gunn, H. N.	County Commissioner.	Fall River	Massachusetts	54	5	5 40	20 00	25 40
Gilman, J. B.	Clergyman	Manchester	Michigan	858	4	85 80	16 00	101 80
Goodrich, St. John	Printer	Omaha	Nebraska	1775	5	177 50	20 00	197 50
Griswold, Jeremiah	Insurance Agent	Mound City	Illinois	1279	5	127 90	20 00	147 90
Havenner, J. F.	Baker	Washington	Dis. Columbia	457	5	45 70	20 00	65 70
Hopkins, W. H.	Supt. Coal Company	Llewellyn	Pennsylvania	401	5	40 10	20 00	60 10
Jones, Jos. S.	Physician	Boston	Massachusetts	.....	5	.....	20 00	20 00
Jefferson, E. H.	Upholsterer	Wilmington	Delaware	347	5	34 70	20 00	54 70
Judd, Stoddard.	Farmer	Fox Lake	Wisconsin	1096	5	109 60	20 00	129 60
Kimball, Henry	Shoe Manufacturer	Rochester	New Hampshire	78	5	7 80	20 00	27 80
Kingsbury, B., Jr.	Lawyer	Portland	Maine	108	5	10 80	20 00	30 80
Kirkup, Joseph	Manufacturer	Cincinnati	Ohio	939	5	93 90	20 00	113 90
Kay, George T.	Railroad Agent	Seaford	Delaware	432	5	43 20	20 00	63 20
Lamb, Joseph L.	Farmer	Pemberton	New Jersey	318	5	31 80	20 00	51 80

Leech, E. J.	Lawyer	Keokuk	Iowa	1284	5	128 40	20 00	148 40
Lamberton, R. A.	Lawyer	Harrisburg	Pennsylvania	413	5	41 30	20 00	61 30
Lewis, Allen C.	Real Estate Broker	Chicago	Illinois	1036	5	103 60	20 00	123 00
Logan, C. A.	Physician	Leavenworth	Kansas	1525	5	152 50	20 00	172 50
Mantz, Alex. K.	Druggist	Baltimore	Maryland	417	5	41 70	20 00	61 70
Marley, Richard	Shoe Manufacturer	Baltimore	Maryland	417	5	41 70	20 00	61 70
Merriam, B. S.	City Clerk	Keokuk	Iowa	1284	5	128 40	20 00	148 40
McLean, William R.	Printer	Washington	Dis. Columbia	457	5	45 70	20 00	65 70
Piper, John R.	Physician	Washington	Dis. Columbia	457	5	45 70	20 00	65 70
Parker, Benjamin N.	Carpenter	Portsmouth	New Hampshire	56	5	5 60	20 00	25 60
Pollard, J. D.	News Agent	Frankfort	Kentucky	1067	5	106 70	20 00	126 70
Page, Herman L.	Insurance Agent	Milwaukee	Wisconsin	1026	5	102 60	20 00	122 60
Rucker, Edward A.	Lawyer	Chicago	Illinois	1036	5	103 60	20 00	123 60
Ransom, A. H.	Railroad Agent	Covington	Kentucky	940	5	94 00	20 00	114 00
Ross, Theo. A.	Accountant	Newark	New Jersey	240	5	24 00	20 00	44 00
Simpson, J. Alexander	Lawyer	West Philad'a	Pennsylvania	325	5	32 50	20 00	52 50
Sheifer, Jacob F.	Manufacturer	St. Louis	Missouri	1150	5	115 00	20 00	135 00
Smiley, Thomas T.	Lawyer	Nashville	Tennessee	1260	5	126 00	20 00	146 00
Sanders, J. P.	Lawyer	Yonkers	New York	248	5	24 80	20 00	44 80
Stokes, John W.	Lawyer	Philadelphia	Pennsylvania	319	5	31 90	20 00	51 90
Slater, William F.	Railroad Superinten't.	Columbus	Ohio	819	5	81 90	20 00	101 90
Simms, David	Druggist	Alton	Illinois	1125	5	112 50	20 00	132 50
Stern, Myer	Merchant	New York	New York	231	5	23 10	20 00	43 10
Smith, John W.	Fire Insurance Agent.	Waterbury	Connecticut	157	5	15 70	20 00	35 70
Shuster, M. W.	Miner	Marysville	California	5969	5	596 70	20 00	616 70
Tucker, Enos H.	Railroad Agent	Blackstone	Massachusetts	36	5	3 60	20 00	23 60
Thompson, William H.	Plumber	St. Louis	Missouri	1150	5	115 00	20 00	135 00
Tapping, Isaac	Manufacturer	Utica	New York	295	5	29 50	20 00	49 50
Terwilliger, Jas.	Clerk State Senate	Syracuse	New York	350	5	35 00	20 00	55 00
Veitch, Isaac M.	Sec'y Insurance Co.	St. Louis	Missouri	1150	5	115 00	20 00	135 00
Wemmell, William L.	Pattern Maker	New York	New York	231	5	23 10	20 00	43 10
Williams, J. F.	Editor	St. Paul	Minnesota	1426	5	142 60	20 00	162 60
Wood, James	Engraver	Providence	Rhode Island	43	5	4 30	20 00	24 30
						$6545 90	$1576 00	$8121 90

Rep. LOGAN, of Kansas, moved the following resolution, which was unanimously adopted, the question being taken, by a rising vote:

Resolved, That, as a slight testimonial of recognition of the eminent services and unfaltering devotion of Grand Sire J. B. NICHOLSON to this Order, the R. W. Grand Secretary is hereby requested to obtain the consent of the M. W. Grand Sire to sit for a portrait suitable in kind and cost to the feelings of respect which this Grand Lodge entertains for him.

On motion of Rep. SIMPSON, of Pennsylvania, it was

Resolved, That when this Lodge adjourns this evening, it will adjourn *sine die*.

Rep. TAPPING, of Northern New York, moved the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary forward to each of the Representatives the balance of the reports and daily journals due them under resolutions passed at this session.

Rep. SIMPSON, of Pennsylvania, moved the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the sincere and heartfelt thanks of this Grand Lodge are due and are hereby tendered to the Cochituate Water Board of this city for the kindness and courtesy extended by them to this Grand Lodge.

Rep. LAMBERTON, of Pennsylvania, from the Legislative Committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Legislative Committee, to whom was referred the resolution offered by Rep. SLATER, of Ohio, relative to amending the By-Laws, to be found on page 3700 of the Journal, respectfully report that some distinctive regalia should mark those of our brethren who have attained to the dignity of Past Chief Patriarch. To reach this end it is, however, necessary to amend Article XXII. of the By-Laws of this Grand Lodge. Your committee, therefore, recommend that the said article be so amended that the regalia of a Past Chief Patriarch shall be a purple sash, trimmed with yellow lace or fringe. They therefore submit the following:

Resolved, That the words "collars or," "and aprons as above described," in the twenty-fifth line of XXII. of By-Laws, (Digest, page 18,) be stricken out, and the words "trimmed with yellow lace or fringe," be added, so that so much of said By-Law as relates to the regalia of the Past Chief Patriarchs shall read as follows; "Past Chief Patriarchs shall wear purple sashes trimmed with yellow lace or fringe."

Respectfully snbmitted.

G. W. CASSEDY,
R. A. LAMBERTON,
J. GRISWOLD.

Rep. HAVENNER, of District of Columbia, moved the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the thanks of this R. W. Grand Lodge are due and are hereby tendered to Past Grand Patriarch JOHN W. ORR, for his valuable addition to the literature of the Order, in the publication of the American Odd-Fellow, and that

the Representatives be requested to use their best exertions to increase the subscription list of that periodical, and thereby add to its usefulmess.

On motion of Rep. LOGAN, of Kansas, the Lodge agreed to consider the amendment to the Constitution proposed at page 3577 of Journal of last session by Rep. GILMAN, as follows:

Amend article sixteenth of the Constitution as follows: Provided, also, that such jurisdictions as chose to do so may re-admit to membership within their respective jurisdictions, upon such terms as they may prescribe, suspended members of the Order residing in the same, who may have been suspended in other jurisdictions for non-payment of dues, and for no other cause.

On motion of Rep. SANDERS, of Northern New York, to adopt the proposed amendment, it was resolved in the negative.

The yeas and nays appeared as follows:

Yeas—Messrs. Burrel, Beisel, Bohen, J. A. J., of California, (2 votes,) Barry, Coleman, (2 votes,) Chidsey, Escavaille, Foster, Goodrich, Havenner, Jefferson, Kemball, Kay, Lamb, (2 votes,) Leech, Logan, McLean, Piper, Parker, Shuster, Terwilliger, (2 votes,) Thompson, Tapping, Veitch, (2 votes,) Williams—31.

Nays—Messrs. Burnham, Bidwell, Burwell, Buell, Bingham, Cassedy, Cooley, Campbell, Driscol, Doe, Ellis, Griswold, Jones, Kingsbury, Jr., Kirkup, Lewis, Marley, Mantz, Merriam, Pollard, Rucker, Ransom, (2 votes,) Simpson, Stokes, (2 votes,) Slater, (2 votes,) Simms, Smith, Tucker, Wemmell, (2 votes,) Woods —35.

Rep. LOGAN, of Kansas, laid on the table the following amendment to the constitution:

By Rep. LOGAN, of Kansas, seconded by Reps. J. F. WILLIAMS, of Minnesota, M. G. BURRELL, of Oregon, E. H. TUCKER, of Massachusetts, and F. M. FOSTER, of Michigan.

Amend article sixteenth of the constitution by adding the following: *Provided*, That when it shall be satisfactorily represented to the Grand Lodge of the United States that the necessities of a State, District, or Territorial Grand Jurisdiction require it, a resolution may be passed by a vote of three-fourths of the Representatives present at any meeting, granting to the particular State, District, or Territorial Grand Jurisdiction applying therefor, the right to re-admit to membership within its jurisdiction, upon such terms as it may prescribe, suspended members of the Order residing in the same, who may have been suspended in other jurisdictions for non-payment of dues, and who have not been under such suspension for less than three years, and also the right to admit members of defunct Lodges not able to get a card, it being distinctly understood that so soon as the necessity requiring it shall have passed away this privilege shall be yielded up by the jurisdiction receiving it.

Rep. Thompson, of Missouri, laid on the table the following amendment to the Constitution:

Amend article sixteenth of the constitution as follows: *Provided, also*, That such jurisdictions as chose to do so, may re-admit to membership within their respective jurisdictions, upon such terms as they may prescribe, suspended members of the Order residing in the same, whose Lodges have become defunct, who may have been suspended for non-payment of dues, and for no other cause.

The Chair appointed the following special committee on the subject of the Degree of Rebekah, as provided for by the resolution of Rep. LOGAN, of Kansas, page 3711:

Reps. VEITCH, M. W. Grand Sire elect, of Missouri; LOGAN, of Kansas; MERRIAM, of Iowa, WILLIAMS, of Minnesota, and SANDERS, of Northern New York.

On motion of Rep. LEECH, of Iowa, the Lodge now proceeded to the installation of Grand Officers elect.

The M. W. Grand Sire announced the following form and order of presentation of the Grand Officers elect for installation:

P. G. M. ISAAC M. VEITCH, the M. W. Grand Sire elect, will be presented by P. G. Sire WILLIAM ELLISON and Rep. F. A. ELLIS, of Maryland.

P. G. M. JAMES P. SANDERS, of Northern New York, the R. W. Deputy Grand Sire elect, will be presented by Rep. JAMES TERWILLIGER, of Northern New York, and Rep. GEORGE W. CASSEDY, of New Jersey.

P. G. M. JAMES L. RIDGELY, the R. W. Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary elect, will be presented by Rep. J. ALEXANDER SIMPSON, of Pennsylvania, and Rep. CORNELIUS A. LOGAN, of Kansas.

P. G. M. JOSHUA VANSANT, R. W. Grand Treasurer elect, will be presented by Rep. JOSEPH S. JONES, of Massachusetts, and Rep. B. S. MERRIAM, of Iowa.

The Chair presented the bond of the Grand Treasurer for approval, which, on motion, was approved and ordered to be filed with the Grand Secretary.

P. G. M. ISAAC M. VEITCH, of Missouri, M. W. Grand Sire elect, having been presented by P. G. Sire WM. ELLISON and G. Rep. F. A. ELLIS, at the foot of the Chair, was qualified by the M. W. Grand Sire and seated to the right of the Chair.

P. G. M. JAMES P. SANDERS, of Northern New York, the R. W. Deputy Grand Sire elect, was presented by Rep. JAMES TERWILLIGER, of Northern New York, and Rep. GEO. W. CASSEDY, of New Jersey, was qualified and seated to the right of the Chair.

P. G. M. JAMES L. RIDGELY, of Maryland, the R. W. Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary elect, was presented by Rep. J. ALEXANDER SIMPSON, of Pennsylvania, and Rep. CORNELIUS A. LOGAN, of Kansas, was qualified and conducted to his seat.

P. G. M. JOSHUA VANSANT, of Maryland, the R. W. Grand Treasurer elect, was presented by Grand Rep. JOSEPH S. JONES, of Massachusetts, and Rep. B. S. MERRIAM, of Iowa, was qualified and conducted to his seat.

The M. W. Grand Sire elect nominated the following Grand Officers:

Rev. Bro. I. D. WILLIAMSON, of Ohio, R. W. Grand Chaplain.
P. G. M. JOSEPH KIDDER, of New Hampshire, R. W. Grand Marshal.
P. G. AUGUSTUS PFAFF, of Pennsylvania, R. W. Grand Guardian.
P. G. JOHN E. CHAMBERLAIN, of Maryland, R. W. Grand Messenger.

The nominations having been unanimously confirmed, the nominees were conducted to their respective seats.

The M. W. Grand Sire, retiring, then addressed the incoming Grand Sire and the Lodge in most affectionate and eloquent language, and surrendered the chair and gavil to his successor.

The M. W. Grand Sire, ISAAC M. VEITCH, on taking the chair, addressed the Lodge as follows:

REPRESENTATIVES: In assuming the exalted position to which I have been elevated by your kind partiality, permit me to tender you my grateful acknowledgments for this mark of your confidence and the honor you have conferred upon me.

Whatever of distrust in my abilities I may have heretofore felt, now that I call up the remembrance of the distinguished and efficient services of those who have preceded me, especially of my immediate predecessor, who stands a peer with the more renowned among them all, this distrust is doubly enhanced. The duties of the office assigned me are grave and responsible in their character, comprehending, as they do, the executive supervision of the Order within the general jurisdiction, agreeable to such enactments as may be ordained by the legislative and judicial authority vested in you. To the performance of these duties I now address myself, confidently relying on your kind sympathy, assistance, and co-operation, rather than in any ability I may possess; invoking the inspiration, guidance and direction of the God of All Wisdom in the discharge of the important duties devolving upon me.

The cause with which you are identified is eminently worthy of all the energy you may consecrate to its service, and should command your best efforts of mind and heart. Animated by a paramount desire to promote the objects of this broad and noble charity, and imbued with a new zeal for its prosperity and success, let us return to our respective constituencies, and, with an earnest purpose, endeavor to extend the blessings and increase the usefulness of our organization. With a true conception and appreciation of its mission, let us devote ourselves to its final accomplishment. For this let us diligently labor, and vitality, efficiency, and power will be imparted to the entire Order. Let us tenaciously adhere to, and exemplify in our lives, the teachings of our ritual, inculcating and maintaining, especially at this time, that fraternal concord and unity so essential to the welfare and perpetuity of our great brotherhood.

The future of Odd-Fellowship is promising and encouraging; and if you are but faithful to the high and holy trusts committed to you, the benign influence of its principles will control all hearts; violence and hatred shall cease, and LOVE assert its gentle dominion over the nations and continents of the earth. Then strife and discord shall be hushed, the voice of joy and gladness shall be heard, and Peace triumph over War.

The business of the session having been concluded, the M. W. Grand Sire called upon the R. W. Grand Chaplain, who addressed the Throne of Grace as follows:

Almighty and most merciful Father in Heaven! We look up to thee, the Author of our existence and the giver of all good, and we would adore thee as the Being of our being, the Life of our life, and the All of our all. We bless thee that thou hast given us the health and strength which has enabled us to bring the labors of this session of the Grand Lodge to a close. We give thee thanks that the spirit of Friendship, Love, and Truth has been in our midst, and we sat together in the unity of that spirit and in the fellowship of brotherly love. Let thy blessings, we beseech thee, rest upon our labors, that they may tend to the promotion of the best and highest interests of our Great Brotherhood. Be pleased to bless our

Order everywhere with thy continued favor, and grant that its pure principles and practices of beneficence may prevail until the wail of the widow and the cry of the orphan shall be heard no more.

And now, O Lord, as our mission here is ended, and we are about to part, for aught we know, to meet no more on earth, we ask thy Divine benediction to descend and rest upon each and all of us; and we supplicate thy care and protection while we journey to our several places of abode; and there may we meet the loved ones that we left behind us, in prosperity and peace.

Heavenly Father! hear us when we pray for our country in this the day of its sore trial and great calamity, and grant that its baptism of blood may soon be ended. If it shall please thee to spare us to meet again in this Grand Lodge, oh may that meeting be in a redeemed and regenerated country, and under the banner of peace.

Hear us in Heaven, thy dwelling place, and when thou hearest answer and forgive, and unto thy great name be the glory, as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be. Amen!

Whereupon, by order of the M. W. Grand Sire, the R. W. Deputy Grand Sire proclaimed the Lodge adjourned *sine die*.

JAS. L. RIDGELY, *Cor. and Rec. Secretary.*

THE *following sums of money were received at Boston, after the books had been examined by the Committee on Finance, and will appear in the next Annual Report.*

Grand Lodge of Rhode Island	$20 00
Grand Lodge of Canada West	105 00
John W. Orr, of New Jersey	10 00
James B. Davies, of Kansas	10 00
Union Encampment, No. 1, Canada West	9 20
Grand Lodge of California	114 00
Grand Encampment of California	36 00
	$304 20

WILDEY MONUMENT FUND.

Canada West	$18 00
New Jersey	18 50
	$36 50



Isaac M. Veitch

INDEPENDENT ORDER OF ODD-FELLOWS.

FRIENDSHIP, LOVE, AND TRUTH.

ANNUAL COMMUNICATION

OF THE

Grand Lodge of the United States,

Held in the City of Baltimore, September, 1865.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 1865—9 o'clock A. M.

The R. W. Grand Lodge assembled this day, being the regular Annual Communication, when, upon a call of the roll, the following members were found to be present:

OFFICERS:

ISAAC M. VEITCH.....M. W. Grand Sire.
JAMES P. SANDERS.....R. W. Deputy Grand Sire.
JAMES L. RIDGELY.....R. W. Grand Cor. and Rec. Secretary.
JOSHUA VANSANT.....R. W. Grand Treasurer.
REV. I. D. WILLIAMSON.....R. W. Grand Chaplain.
JOSEPH KIDDER.....R. W. Grand Marshal.
AUGUSTUS PFAFF.....R. W. Grand Guardian.
JOHN E. CHAMBERLAIN.....R. W. G. Messenger.

And Representatives from nineteen Grand Lodges and ten Grand Encampments, as follows:

FROM GRAND LODGES.

P. G. M. A. K. MANTZ.....Maryland.
P. G. M. JOSEPH S. JONES.....Massachusetts.
P. G. M. MYER STERN.....Southern New York.
P. G. M. R. A. LAMBERTON.....Pennsylvania.
P. G. JOHN F. HAVENNER.....District of Columbia.
P. G. ENOS H. JEFFERSON.....Delaware.
P. G. M. WILLIAM CHIDSEY.....Ohio.
P. G. P. THEODORE A. ROSS.....New Jersey.
P. G. A. H. RANSOM.....Kentucky.
P. G. M. J. S. HARVEY.....Indiana.
P. G. M. JEREMIAH GRISWOLD.....Illinois.
P. G. M. DAVID E. BURWELL.....Connecticut.
P. G. THOMAS C. COLEMAN.....Tennessee.
P. G. M. BENJAMIN KINGSBURY, JR.....Maine.
P. G. M. W. P. BUELL.....New Hampshire.
P. G. M. M. H. COOLEY.....Iowa.
P. G. P. JAMES TERWILLIGER.....Northern New York.
P. G. ST. JOHNS GOODRICH.....Nebraska.
P. G. M. CORNELIUS A. LOGAN.....Kansas.

FROM GRAND ENCAMPMENTS.

P. G. P. JOSEPH B. ESCAVAILLE.....Maryland
P. G. WM. H. HOPKINS.....Pennsylvania.
P. G. M. CHARLES H. BABCOCK.....Ohio.
P. G. P. J. D. POLLARD.....Kentucky.
P. G. P. J. W. SMITH.....Connecticut.
P. G. P. IRA C. DOE.....Maine.
P. C. P. L. M. CAMPBELL.....Indiana.
P. G. M. JAMES WOOD.....Rhode Island.
P. G. B. S. MERRIAM.....Iowa.
P. D. G. Sire, H. L. PAGE.....Wisconsin.
P. G. P. A. C. LEWIS.....Illinois.

No quorum being present, the Chair announced the appointment of the following Committee on Credentials, by authority of the thirteenth article of the Constitution, section one:

Committee on Credentials.—Rep. JONES, of Massachusetts; STERN, of Southern New York; SMITH, of Connecticut: POLLARD, of Kentucky; and HAVENNER, of District of Columbia.

Rep. JONES, of Massachusetts, from the Committee on Credentials made the following report, which, on motion of Rep. HOPKINS, of Pennsylvania, was adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

Your Committee on Credentials, having examined the credentials submitted to us, beg leave to report that we find the following to be correct:

FROM GRAND LODGES.

P. G. M. HENRY ARMINGTON.....Rhode Island.
P. G. M. JAMES SMITH.....Canada West.
P. G. M. WILLIAM R. MCLEAN.....District of Columbia.
P. G. M. ORIGEN UTLEY.....Connecticut.

FROM GRAND LODGES—continued.

P. G. Walter G. Dye, (to fill the vacancy of P. G. M. Warren Powers).....Minnesota.
P. G. M. Erie J. Leech.....Iowa.
P. G. Charles Marsh.....California.
P. G. M. R. B. Mayes.....Mississippi.
P. G. M. Sewall Morse.....Vermont.
P. G. M. F. M. Foster, (to fill the vacancy occasioned by resignation of Representative George Dean).....Michigan.
P. G. M. Edward P. Burnham.....Maine.
P. G. M. David McDonald.....Wisconsin.
P. G. Joseph Kirkup.....Ohio.
P. G. M. Edwin Swanton.....Southern New York.
P. G. M. Wm. E. Ford.....Massachusetts.
P. G M. Amzi E. Love.....Mississippi.
P. G. F. A. Ellis.....Maryland.
P. G. J. W. Sharp.....Delaware.
P. G. M. J. Alexander Simpson.....Pennsylvania.
P. G. James Stratton.....New Jersey.
P. G. L. F. Tower.....Louisiana.
P. G. M. Luther Homes.....Louisiana.
P. G. M. Dennis Gregg.....Indiana.
P. G. M. Jacob T. Schiefer.....Missouri.
P. G. M. William H. Thompson.....Missouri.
P. D. G. M. John P. Foss.....Illinois.
P. G. M. Robert Lebby.....South Carolina.
P. G. M. William Thayer.....South Carolina.
P. G. M. B. W. Dennis.....Michigan.
P. G. M. Cornelius A. Marvin.....Northern New York.
P. G. William H. Hill, vice Nathan Porter, resigned ...California.
P. G. Thomas T. Smiley.....Tennessee.
P. G. T. P. Fleming.....Georgia.
D. G. M. S. A. Enholm.....Alabama.
P. G. E. C. Grannis.....Georgia.
P. G. M. Hugh Latham.....Virginia.
P. G. M. James D. Riggs, (in place of Dennis Gregg).....Indiana.
P. D. G. S. Edward H. Fitzhugh.....Virginia.
P. G. John S. McFarland.....New Hampshire.

FROM GRAND ENCAMPMENTS.

P. C. P. Daniel Norcross.....California.
P. G. P. Geo. W. Dame.....Virginia.
P. G. M. Wm. H. Barnes.....Georgia.
P. G. P. F. D. Stuart.....District of Columbia.
P. G. P. Daniel Pulsifer.....New Hampshire.
P. G. M. John H. White.....Northern New York.
P. G. P. Henry F. Garey.....Maryland.
P. G. P. Edward Mitchell.....South Carolina.
P. G. P. F. J. Barnard.....Alabama.
P. G. P. L. K. Barber.....Mississippi.
P. G. P. James C. Tucker.....Massachusetts.
P. G. P. John J. Davies.....Southern New York.
P. G John L. Thomson.....Delaware.
P. G. P. J. F. Munroe.....Michigan
P. G. M. John W. Stokes.....Pennsylvania.
P. G. M. Wm. F. Slater.....Ohio.
P. G. P. Robert D. Landers.....Illinois.
P. G. P. George J. Miller.....New Jersey.

FROM GRAND ENCAMPMENTS—continued.

P. G. M. HOWARD MILLSPAUGH.....Louisiana.
P. G. P. LEONIDAS SEXTON.....Indiana.
P. G. P. E. H. BARRY, (in place of Sexton,).....Indiana.
P. G. M. E. D. FARNSWORTH.....Tennessee.
P. G. M. JOHN DONIPHAN.....Missouri.

JOS. S. JONES,
MEYER STERN,
J. N. SMITH,
J. D. POLLARD,
JOHN T. HAVENNER.

A quorum being now present, Rev. Bro. I. D. WILLIAMSON, R. W. Grand Chaplain, addressed the Supreme Ruler of the Universe, as follows:

Almighty and Most Merciful Father in Heaven! We give Thee hearty thanks that we have been preserved through the labors and dangers of another year, and have again the privilege of meeting in this Grand Lodge. Especially do we thank Thee, in behalf of our great Fraternity, scattered through all the length and breadth of the land, that the terrible baptism of blood is ended, that the noise and confusion of war are hushed in silence, and the days of our peace are come again. Blessed be Thy name that amid the throes and convulsions of human society, which have rent other institutions asunder and scattered them in fragments as chaff before the wind, Thou hast wonderfully preserved the integrity of our beloved Order, and the golden chain that binds us in one body has not been broken. The Lord let his blessing descend upon us; and help us that we may strengthen the things that remain, and give us wisdom that we may lay our foundations broader and deeper upon the principles of Friendship, Love, and Truth, and build thereon a superstructure that shall stand while the world standeth. Bless, we pray Thee, our Order throughout the earth, and grant that its pure principles and benevolent practices may prevail more and more until the men of every nation shall come under the dominion of the law of love, and beat their swords into plough shares and their spears into pruning hooks, and study war no more. To this end let Thy benediction rest upon Thy servant, the Grand Sire, and all the officers and members of this Grand Lodge, that they may abound in all wisdom and prudence, and be led to the adoption of such measures, and such only, as shall tend to the promotion of the best interests of the Order. May they realize the responsibility of their position, and discharge its duties in the fear of God and love of man. Bless all our State Grand and Subordinate Lodges, and help them that they may labor together in the unity of the spirit and in the bonds of peace. And now, O Lord, that the graves are green around us, and that the widows and orphans are many in the land, may we remember well that this is the time for us to gird up our loins and go forth to renewed and more glorious conquests in the field of benevolence and charity. Help Thou us that we may thus go forth and win a fadeless crown in wiping away the tears that fall from the eyes of weeping humanity. Grateful for the successes of the past, we commit the future to Thee in trustful confidence and hope, praying ever that Thou wilt consecrate us more entirely to the great and good work in which we are engaged, and be with us ever more. Amen!

The Deputy Grand Sire, having examined the Representatives and declared them duly qualified, by order of the Grand Sire proclaimed the Lodge open for the transaction of business.

On motion of Rep. TERWILLIGER, of Northern New York, to dis-

pense with the reading of the Journal of the last session. Rep LOGAN, of Kansas, moved to amend the Journal as follows:

Amend the Revised Journal, Session 1864, page 3725, in that portion where occurs the amendment to the Constitution by Representative LOGAN, laid on the table, as follows:

After the words "amend article sixteenth" insert the words "section 4," so that it shall then read "amend article sixteenth, *sec.* 4, of the Constitution," &c.

Amend further by inserting after the word "Constitution," in the first line, the following words: "By striking out all after the words *provided, however,* and adding the following," so that the amendment will then read:

"Amend article sixteenth, sec. 4, of the Constitution by striking out all after the words '*provided, however,*' and adding the following: 'That when it shall be satisfactorily represented to the Grand Lodge of the United States that the necessities of a State, District, or Territorial Grand Jurisdiction require it, a resolution may be passed by a vote of three-fourths of the Representatives present at any meeting, granting to the particular State, District, or Territorial Grand Jurisdiction applying therefor, the right to readmit to membership within its jurisdiction, upon such terms as it may prescribe, suspended members of the Order residing in the same who may have been suspended for non-payment of dues, and who have not been under suspension for less than three years; and also the right to admit members of defunct Lodges not able to get a card—it being distinctly understood that so soon as the necessity requiring it shall have passed away, this privilege shall be yielded up by the jurisdiction receiving it."

Which was adopted, and the Journal was approved as amended.

On motion of Rep. LEWIS, of Illinois, a committee of five was appointed to draw for seats, to be occupied by the Representatives of the jurisdictions subordinate to the Grand Lodge, after the manner heretofore adopted and pursued.

The Chair named Reps. LEWIS, of Illinois, JEFFERSON, of Delaware, MILLER, of New Jersey, MAYES, of Mississippi, and MCDONALD, of Michigan, as the committee.

Rep. ESCAVAILLE, of Maryland, moved the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the time for the sessions of the Grand Lodge will be, to meet at 9 o'clock A. M., take a recess for thirty minutes at 12 M., and adjourn at 3½ o'clock P. M., until further notice.

Rep. STERN, of Southern New York, moved the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That members of the Order who have attained the proper rank may be admitted within the Grand Lodge during its deliberations, when properly vouched for and introduced to the Grand Guardian by the Representatives respectively from jurisdictions to which the visitor may be attached.

Rep. STOKES, of Pennsylvania, moved the following resolution, which was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That a special committee of five be appointed to bear to the President of the United States a duplicate of the letter of invitation forwarded by

the Wildey Monument Committee, asking his presence at the unveiling of the Statue of Charity, on Wednesday next, in order that he may encourage this convocation of Brethern from all parts of the Union, who have met to cement the ties of brotherhood and to diffuse feelings of amity throughout the land.

Rep. STOKES, of Pennsylvania, asked to be and was excused from serving on the committee.

The Chair named the following as the committee.

P. G. S. NICHOLSON, of Pennsylvania, Reps. PAGE, of Wisconsin, CAMPBELL, of Indiana, FARNSWORTH, of Tennessee, and ELLIS, of Maryland.

Rep. LEWIS, of Illinois, from the committee on that subject, made the following report, and the Representatives were seated in conformity thereto:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee appointed by this R. W. Grand Body to draw for seats to be occupied by the respective jurisdictions, report the following as the result, to wit:

Louisiana.....1, 2, 3
Georgia 4, 5, 6
California.....7, 8, 9
Maine 10, 11, 12
Canada West.....13
Oregon.....14
Kentucky 15, 16, 17
Northern New York.....18, 19, 20
Lower Provinces.....21
Iowa 22, 23, 24
New Jersey 25, 26, 27
District of Columbia 28, 29, 30
Rhode Island.....31, 32
Tennessee.....33, 34, 35
Ohio.....36, 37, 38, 39
Michigan.....40, 41, 42
Arkansas.....43
Massachusetts.....44, 45, 46
Alabama 47, 48, 49
Nebraska 50
North Carolina.....51, 52, 53
Kansas.....54
Illinois.....55, 56, 57, 58
Vermont.....59
New Hampshire 60, 61, 62
Florida 63
Mississippi.....64, 65, 66
Delaware 67, 68, 69
Maryland 70, 71, 72, 73
Connecticut.....74, 75, 76
Missouri 77, 78, 79
Indiana.....80, 81, 82, 83
South Carolina 84, 85, 86
Texas.....87, 88, 89
Pennsylvania.....90, 91, 92, 93
Virginia.....94, 95, 96, 97
Minnesota.....98
Southern New York.....99, 100, 101
Wisconsin 102, 103, 104

ALLEN C. LEWIS,
ENOS H. JEFFERSON,
GEO. J. MILLER,
R. B. MAYES.
D. McDONALD.

The M. W. Grand Sire submitted his Annual Report, as follows:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

REPRESENTATIVES: In presenting the usual report of my office, as required by the provisions of the constitution defining and regulating the duties of the Grand Sire, it is with no ordinary emotions of pleasure that I am permitted to congratulate you on being this day assembled in another Annual Communication of the Supreme Grand Lodge under peculiarly interesting and auspicious circumstances.

Since the adjournment of your last session the dark cloud of war which had so long overspread a large portion of our fraternal domain has been dispelled:

the night of gloom has ended; light has come forth from the womb of morning: a better and kindlier day has dawned upon humanity; the apprehension and fear for the safety and stability of our beloved Order have given place to a joyful assurance of its unity, inspiring us with hopes for its perpetuity, and peace, concord, and love reign triumphant over the whole extent of our field of philanthrophic enterprise.

In entering upon the labors of the session it becomes us to express the profound gratitude of our hearts to the Giver of all Good for the multiplied evidences of His favor toward us, especially for the signal blessings vouchsafed to our institution in the past, and for the inestimable privilege of convening together on this occasion. In view of the responsible duties devolving upon us, let us invoke the aid of the Divine Power, that our deliberations may eminently conduce to the promotion and furtherance of the important interests committed to us.

It is a source of the highest gratification and rejoicing that we are permitted to meet again the Representatives of nearly all the jurisdictions, who have been precluded from fellowship and communion with us for the last four years. Prompted by the cherished memories of the past, and their undiminished love for a common cause, they are once more with us, occupying their accustomed seats, participating in our legislation, and co-operating with us in our efforts in behalf of the cause of humanity. Their absence from our annual councils we have long deplored and regretted, ever entertaining for them an affectionate regard, which has been heightened and intensified by their sufferings. Our hearts are this day gladdened by their presence, and, acknowledging them as brethren of the same household, we cordially welcome them to the renewal of those relations which unite us in fraternal sympathy, which knows no distinction of country, party, or sect, and which seeks to embrace within the scope of its influence the entire family of man.

The retrospect of the year furnishes abundant cause of gratulation that our Order has survived the severe ordeal through which it has passed, and which threatened to imperil its unity. During the protracted and eventful period of its trial, its sacred principles have been maintained and upheld, and to this is attributable its preservation and deliverance from the fearful dangers which beset it. The annual returns from the various jurisdictions reveal the gratifying fact that the masses of the Order have stood firm in their attachment to Odd-Fellowship, and are generally imbued with an ardent zeal for its advancement; the membership has been largely augmented, and the horizon of our future is bright and promising. Even from that portion where the Order has necessarily suffered by the calamities of the past, already does the cheering intelligence reach us that its waste places are being rapidly rebuilt, and our brethren, with their characteristic ardor, and animated by an unabated affection for the Order, are again gathering around its altars, and sending up the pure incense of their sacrifice. With an abiding trust in Omnipotence; an exemption from those disturbing causes which have so recently affected every organization, and which are so uncongenial to the spirit and genius of Odd-Fellowship: with an unswerving fidelity to its cardinal principles, it needs no prophetic pen to predict that we shall realize in the future a more successful career for our beloved Order than has hitherto marked its history, however triumphant and splendid have been its achievements.

The correspondence with the jurisdiction of Louisiana, inaugurated by my able predecessor, and to which reference was made in his report at the last session, was continued, and, I have the satisfaction to announce, with the happiest results. To the Annual Session of the Grand Lodge which met in the city of New Orleans in the month of January last, and which was attended by one hundred and twenty members, I addressed a communication tendering, in the name of the Grand Lodge of the United States, its fraternal greetings and salutations, its continued interest in their welfare, and its fervent desire for the renewal of fraternal intercourse. This communication was respectfully received, and the Grand Lodge proceeded, without delay, to the election of

Grand Representatives to this Body. At the annual meeting of the Grand Encampment of Louisiana, held soon after, a Representative was also duly elected.

As access could be had to the various Southern jurisdictions, I employed all available opportunities to open a correspondence with them, by writing to all the Grand Officers, Past Grand Officers, and Representatives whose addresses could be obtained, in which an affectionate regard for them was expressed; inquiry as to the condition of the Order among them instituted; advice and encouragement suitable to their several necessities imparted; an exhortation to diligence in resuscitating their Grand Lodges and Encampments given, with the hope of securing a Representative from every jurisdiction at this session. From all these jurisdictions favorable responses were received, eliciting much valuable information in reference to the Order therein, among the items of which may be noticed the gratifying fact that the Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment of South Carolina had regularly convened in annual sessions, and formally elected their Representatives, thereby testifying their allegiance to the Grand Lodge of the United States.

For the purpose of giving an authoritative expression of our fraternal regard for those jurisdictions which for the past four years had been unrepresented in the Parent Body, and with the view of removing all obstacles in the way to a prompt and entire restoration of affiliation with the brotherhood, it was deemed expedient to issue a proclamation declaring the unbroken unity of the Order: that the authority of the Supreme Grand Lodge over the whole Fraternity was unimpaired; that there existed no hindrance to the re-establishment of fraternal relations between all the jurisdictions; and enjoining on all Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments, where the Order had become disorganized; to proceed to the work of reorganization and the election of duly qualified Representatives, assuring all who accepted the invitation that a cordial and fraternal greeting awaited them. Publicity was immediately given to this proclamation through the medium of the press, and by circulars, which were transmitted to the jurisdictions interested, and accepted by them as a pledge of the sincerity of our regard for them. A copy of the proclamation is herewith submitted.

The financial condition of the Southern jurisdictions renders it impossible for them to meet the Representative tax imposed by our laws, and in my correspondence with them I have, in all instances, indicated that this would be no impediment to their Representatives being admitted, and that the Grand Lodge of the United States would generously remit the tax, as was done in the case of the jurisdiction of Tennessee at the session of 1863. Several of these jurisdictions are also without the requisite funds to purchase supplies of cards, working books, &c., for the use of their Subordinate Lodges and Encampments, many of which are endeavoring to resume work, but have sustained the loss of everything, and in many instances their halls have been forcibly invaded, and their books, regalia, and furniture ruthlessly destroyed by a spirit of vandalism, from which the sacred precincts of our institution have not been exempt. Under these circumstances it is not necessary for me to say that our duty to these unfortunate brethern is plain, and that we should exhibit towards them a liberal and magnanimous disposition, and voluntarily extend to them that relief which their present exigencies demand, and which it is within our power to bestow. Thus shall we evidence our real sympathy for them in the hour of their affliction, and our appreciation of their efforts to restore to their several jurisdictions the privileges and blessings of our Order, which they now more than ever need.

The special committee on the Wildey Monument having, agreeably to the resolution of the last session, contracted for the erection of the monument, according to the plans and designs then adopted, and fixed on the 26th of April for the commencement of the work, I repaired to the city of Baltimore, and on that day, in the presence of a large concourse of members of the Order and citizens, assisted by the officers of the Grand Lodge of Maryland and the Wildey Monument Committee, had the honor of laying the corner-stone of the monument with appropriate ceremonies.

The committee having signified to me that the monument would be fully completed and ready for formal presentation to the Grand Lodge of the United States at this session, and believing that so memorable an event in the Order should be signalized by a general demonstration of the Fraternity, I assumed the responsibility, in the absence of any provision being made at the last session, to authorize the committee to act in the premises, and constituted and appointed the committee to inaugurate such plan of proceedings as in their judgment would be appropriate, for assembling the brotherhood at large in the city of Baltimore on the 20th day of September, with a view to a public procession, and such other ceremonies as would be suited to so interesting an occasion, and to make public the detail of the arrangements agreed upon and invite the co-operation of the several Grand Bodies and their Subordinates. The committee at once proceeded to the duty assigned them in pursuance of the power conferred, and issued circulars embodying the authority under which they acted, and announcing the arrangements and ceremonies for the day. The committee will report to you their action under the authority conferred, and it is believed their proceedings will meet your approbation.

In accordance with the resolution of the last session empowering the Grand Sire to appoint a suitable brother to visit the State of Vermont, in reference to the unsatisfactory condition of affairs prevailing there, I duly commissioned P. G. Master Joseph Kidder, of New Hampshire, the R. W. Grand Marshal of the Grand Lodge of the United States, who promptly entered upon the duty assigned him, and prosecuted the work with energy, ability, and fidelity. From time to time he kept me advised of his efforts in behalf of Odd-Fellowship in that jurisdiction under more than ordinary difficulties and discouragements, but which did not abate his zeal in promoting the object of his mission. With an earnest purpose, he diligently labored to restore the Order in Vermont to its wonted prosperity, and I regret to say with but partial success, and by no means commensurate with the labor bestowed. We are not, however, without hope for Vermont, and are encouraged in the belief that some interest has been excited among a few of the Lodges in the State, which will tell favorably on their future history. The annual session of the Grand Lodge of Vermont was held in August, which was well attended, and a Representative to the Grand Lodge of the United States elected. The commission of the Special Commissioner to Vermont, together with his report to me, are herewith submitted.

The appointment of P. G. Master Thomas G. Steele as Special Grand Commissioner for West Virginia, I renewed at the expiration of the term for which he was originally commissioned, and it affords me pleasure to bear testimony to the zealous and judicious manner in which he has administered the affairs of the Order in the interesting field of labor assigned him.

The causes that induced the Grand Lodge of the United States to assume control of the Order in West Virginia no longer exist, and it is submitted whether the supervision of the Lodges and Encampments therein should not now be relinquished to their respective jurisdictions, or whether the Grand Lodge of the United States will erect a Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment in West Virginia, as petitioned for at the session of 1863. The report of the Special Grand Commissioner accompanies this report, exhibiting considerable progress in the Order in West Virginia during the past year. Both branches of the Order are prosperous

Having received the petition of six Subordinate Encampments of the State of Delaware, asking that the charter of the Grand Encampment of Delaware be restored to them, I issued the necessary authority for that purpose, and deputed D. D. Grand Sire Henry Eckel to make a formal restoration of the charter and revive the Grand Encampment. He reports to me that on the 22d of March last he duly restored the charter, and that the Grand Encampment resumed jurisdiction of the Patriarchal branch of that State, under favorable auspices and flattering prospects of a successful career. Much credit is due to Bro. Eckel for his efforts in reviving this Grand Encampment, and for the efficient and faithful discharge of his duties as D. D. Grand Sire for the past seven years, in the supervision of the Encampment work in Delaware.

On the 23d day of December last I issued a warrant for Hesperian Encampment, No. 2, Omaha, Nebraska Territory, to a constitutional number of Patriarchs residing in that place.

To several brothers residing at Fortress Monroe, on proper petition therefor, I granted a warrant for a Lodge at that place, bearing date, January 23d, and hailed as Greble Lodge, No. 1, and I recommend the same be placed under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Virginia.

On the 23d of March, upon the petition of the requisite number of brothers, I issued a warrant for the second lodge in Colorado Territory, located at Central city, and known as Rocky Mountain Lodge, No. 2.

To twelve brethren, formerly, and until recently, residing in California, but now of Salt Lake City, Utah Territory, I granted a warrant for a Lodge at that point, to be hailed as Utah Lodge, No. 1, and bearing date May 4th.

On the 16th day of June, to a competent number of petitioners, a warrant was issued for Liberty Lodge, at Hartford, West Virginia.

The preliminaries for the consolidation of the two Grand Lodges in the State of New York, alluded to by my predecessor in his report to the last session, have been agreed upon and adopted by the Grand Lodges respectively, at their regular annual communications held during the month of August, and will be submitted to you for your approval. In view of the important interests to be secured, and the good to be accomplished by this measure, the hope is indulged that you will readily and unanimously accord to it your sanction, and thereby consumate so desirable an object. The unanimity and kindly feeling which has characterized the action of these two jurisdictions in affecting this union is worthy of all praise and commendation; evincing, as it does, a practical illustration of those sentiments of fraternity which our Order so prominently enjoin.

I submit for your consideration the following summary of decisions rendered during the recess:

1. That the law of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, authorizing *its own Subordinates* to entertain the petitions of persons who do not reside in the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, provided the person petitioning shall live nearer the Lodge petitioned than any other Lodge out of the jurisdiction, and provided further that no petition shall be received, nor person initiated, when the consent of a foreign jurisdiction under the State of the country can be obtained, unless by the consent of that jurisdiction, is not in accordance with the law of the Grand Lodge of the United States, empowering Grand Bodies whose Territorial jurisdictions are contiguous or adjacent, to pass laws permitting Lodges and Encampments *in other jurisdictions* to initiate or admit to membership persons whose residence, though not in the same jurisdiction, is nearest the location of the Lodge they desire to become members of.

2. That a motion for a reconsideration of a ballot for an applicant for membership who has been rejected, may be made at such time as the local law of the Lodge may specify—and in absence of any local law on the subject, a motion for reconsideration may be made at any time, provided such motion is made by those depositing the black balls.

3. If the local law so provides, a Lodge may go through its regular business, close in due form, and then open in, and confer, any of the degrees.

4. Where the laws of a Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment provide that a Grand Representative is an elective Grand Officer thereof, he is to be recognized as such, and entitled to the honors of the Order when visiting a Subordinate officially.

5. It is the duty of a Subordinate to obey the decisions of its Grand Lodge, which are final and conclusive, until reversed by the Grand Lodge of the United States, upon proper appeal thereto. Pending such appeal the Subordinate Lodge is not entitled to any privileges other than those accorded to it by its Grand Lodge, which may enforce its decisions by demanding the charter and effects of the Subordinate for non-compliance with the decision appealed from.

6. A number of Subordinate Lodges cannot legally establish a Union Degree

of Rebekah Lodge, and hold regular meetings thereof for conferring and working that degree.

7. Where a Grand Master and Grand Representative of the same jurisdiction, each at different times during the recess of the Grand Lodge, instruct a Subordidate Lodge or a D. D. Grand Master in the secret work of the Order, and their instructions differ, the instructions of the Grand Master, as the supreme authority in the jurisdiction, are to be followed.

8. A candidate for membership in the Order, who has been elected in a Lodge where he resides, cannot be initiated in a Lodge located where he may have a tempory residence, upon the request of the Lodge electing him, but all initiations must take place in the Lodge in which the applicant is elected.

9. Societies of the Degree of Rebekah, composed of ladies in possession of that Degree, the meetings of which are opened in that Degree, the regalia worn and the work of that Degree used, are irregular, unauthorized, and in contravention to the legislation of the Grand Lodge of the United States.

10. The law of the session of 1864, prohibiting anniversaries, &c., without the consent of the Grand Master or Grand Patriarch, predicated upon the promise that no intoxicating beverage shall be used, it is not intended to prevent Lodges and Encampments from joining in a public procession in regalia, in connection with other organizations, when invited to do so by the civil authorities, and permission for that purpose may be obtained from the respective jurisdictions under such regulations as they may prescribe.

Our law requires that all cards must be in the form prescribed by the Grand Lodge of the United States, and bear the counter-signature of the Grand Corresponding Secretary, from whom they must be originally obtained. Many of the jurisdictions, however, have been unable to reach that officer for the few years past, and therefore could not procure a supply of cards for the use of their Subordinates. In this emergency the jurisdictions had resort to the expediency, which they felt justified in adopting, of preparing cards suitable for the purpose, and furnishing their subordinates with them. These cards approximate as nearly as possible in form to the cards prescribed by the Grand Lodge of the United States, but are not in the style of such cards, and are, of course, without the signature of the Grand Corresponding Secretary, instead of which the counter-signature of the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge by which they are issued is attached. These cards have been in general use in the jurisdictions referred to and have answered all the ends for which cards are used; but, as the holders thereof are refused admission to the Subordinates in other jurisdictions, it is respectfully suggested that some special provision be made by which they may be permitted to visit or deposit their cards in Subordinates, as proper cards, and without prejudice to the parties who received them in good faith.

It becomes my melancholy duty to announce to you the death of P. G. Sire R. B. Boylston, of South Carolina, the intelligence of which has reached us within the past few days. For many years he was an active participant with you in these scenes, and an earnest laborer in our cause. Gifted and zealous, he did much in advancing it. His demise, in the midst of his usefulness and in the vigor of manhood, is a loss not only to his jurisdiction, but to the whole Order, and will be long lamented.

As the accredited Representatives of your respective jurisdictions, and invested with the highest legislative and judicial authority in the Order, many important questions affecting its welfare will come before you, the consideration and decision of which will demand the exercise of your wisdom, moderation, and impartiality. The hopes of a vast constituency centre in you. Weighty responsibilities devolve upon you, and as the guardians of the honor and purity of our Order, you should be ever vigilant that no corrupting influences from without be permitted to detract from its fair fame, or tarnish its glorious escutcheon. Let us here reaffirm the "broad platform" of our affiliation, and exemplify its teachings both in our collective and individual capacity. The bulwark of our strength as an Order is the practice of the law of Love, as an all pervading and all controlling sentiment. That "charity which is the bond of perfectness" is the

corner-stone of the grand temple of Odd-Fellowship. Underlying our great moral structure rests the immutable principal of Fraternity, an essential and fundamental truth, which cannot be shaken by the wars and convulsions of earth. This principal, as it is inculcated by our Order, partakes of the family relation, and constitutes the very foundation of society and the safety of humanity; and in the proportion that it is recognized and acted upon, will man be ennobled and elevated to the dignity and beauty of that character in which he was originally created. To attain the consumation of this millennium, when universal peace shall pervade the habitations of man, is the true mission of Odd-Fellowship. To this your earnest, persevering, and unremitting labors should be directed. A world is yet to be redeemed from the dominion of selfishness; desolated homes are yet seen, the lamentations of the bereaved, and the wail of the widow and orphan still resound in our ears. "Let us not be weary in well doing, for in due season we shall reap if we faint not."

ISAAC M. VEITCH, *Grand Sire.*

On motion of Rep. BARRY, of Indiana, the Report of the Grand Sire was referred to a special committee of three members, for the purpose of distributing the several subjects therein referred to, to appropriate Committees.

The hour of 12 o'clock, fixed for recess, having arrived, the Chair declared the Lodge at recess accordingly, for thirty minutes.

HALF PAST TWELVE O'CLOCK.

The Lodge re-assembled pursuant to the order for recess.

The R. W. Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary presented his Annual Report, as follows:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The annual report of the R. W. Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary is respectfully submitted. The several subjects of special duty charged upon that officer during the recess are comprised within the following resolutions:

1. *Resolved*, That the R. W. Grand Secretary cause to be printed five hundred copies of the daily Journal for the use of the Grand Representatives at the present session, and that ten copies of the revised Journal be printed and furnished each member, after the adjournment, for distribution.

2. *Resolved*, That the R. W. Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary be requested to address a circular letter to the several State jurisdictions, as soon after adjournment of this Grand Lodge as practicable, inviting their attention to the deficiency in means for the erection of the Wildey Monument, and earnestly requesting them to make such contributions as will enable the committee to have the structure completed with as little delay as possible.

3. *Resolved*, That the R. W. Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary be and he is hereby authorized to contract with Bro. JOHN Y. SLATER, of the city of Baltimore, for the printing of the Journal of Proceedings of the present session in accordance with his proposals herewith submitted and marked "Accepted by the Committee on Printing;" the paper marked "approved" to be used by the contractor in printing the same.

4. *Resolved*, That the Grand Corresponding Secretary be and he is hereby directed to present to each Grand Representative, who has not already received the same, one copy of the bound Revised Journal and Digest.

5. *Resolved*, That, as an earnest expression of our appreciation for the many acts of kindness and courtesy shown us by the most Worthy Grand Master,

Officers and Brethren of the R. W. Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, during the present session of the Grand Lodge, a copy of the resolutions submitted by Rep. BARRY, of Indiana, be engrossed and transmitted to the R. W. Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, attested by the seal and the signature of the officers of this Grand Lodge.

6. *Resolved*, That the Grand Secretary be and he is hereby authorized to sell the stereotype plates of the old digest.

7. *Resolved*, That, as a feeble expression of the regard which the members of this R. W. Grand Lodge hold towards our M. W. Grand Sire JAMES B. NICHOLSON, they hereby tender him their most hearty approbation of the manner in which he has presided over the deliberations of this R. W. Grand Body, for the ability, impartiality, and courtesy displayed in his official capacity, and their thanks for the zeal and industry displayed during his term of office to advance the interests of the Order; and that in whatever station of life his future may call him, he will ever have our best wishes for his happiness and prosperity.

Resolved, That the R. W. Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary cause a copy of these resolutions to be properly engrossed, framed, and presented to Grand Sire NICHOLSON, to be paid for from the treasury of this Grand Lodge.

8. *Resolved*, That a copy of the Journal of this R. W. Grand Lodge be presented to Harvard University, and also copies of such other publications relating to the history and progress of our institution as may be in the posession of the Grand Lodge.

9. *Resolved*, That a copy of the Journal of this Grand Body, from its commencement, be sent to the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Connecticut, to be placed in the Library of *Yale College*, at New Haven, Connecticut.

10. *Resolved*, That, as a slight testimonial of recognition of the eminent services and unfaltering devotion of Grand Sire J. B. NICHOLSON to this Order, the R. W. Grand Secretary is hereby requested to obtain the consent of the M. W. Grand Sire to sit for a potrait suitable in kind and cost to the feelings of respect which this Grand Lodge entertains for him.

11. *Resolved*, That the Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary forward to each of the Representatives the balance of the reports and daily journals due them under resolutions passed at this session.

12. *Resolved*, That the R. W. Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary be instructed to have printed such a number only of the report of the Committee on Revision as will supply one copy to each Representative and Officer, at the next session of this R. W. Grand Lodge, at a cost not exceeding one hundred and fifty dollars.

13. *Resolved*, That, four weeks previous to the holding of any session of this Grand Lodge, it shall be the duty of the Grand Secretary, through one daily paper of the city in which such session is held, to invite proposals for the printing of the Journal of this Body, the printer to furnish the necessary paper, and to stich and cover the Journal, ready for distribution—the printing to be done according to the style of the revised Journal, and the matter to be stereotyped and the plates to be delivered to the Grand Secretary in good order, as the property of the Grand Lodge of the United States, as soon as a sufficient number of copies are struck off to meet the purposes of the law requiring the distribution of the proceedings, which number the Grand Secretary must state, as near as practicable, in the advertisement. And such proposals for the said work as may be received shall be filed away by the Grand Secretary, with their seals unbroken, until twelve o'clock noon of the first day of the session therein designated, after which time no more proposals shall be received, and such as shall have been received shall be placed in the hands of the Committee on Printing, to be by them opened, examined, and decided upon.

14. *Resolved*, That in future the Grand Secretary be directed to advertise for proposals to print the Daily Journal, not to exceed 500 copies daily, as directed by the 28th By-Law for printing the Revised Journal, and the said proposals be required to be handed in to the Grand Secretary at least ten days previous to the meeting of the Grand Lodge, and the same to be opened by the Grand Secretary

and Grand Treasurer, who shall award the contract to the lowest and most responsible bidder.

Immediately upon the publication of the revised Journal the duty charged in the first resolution was performed, and it is believed that the several packages reached their respective destinations safely.

The second resolution received the special attention of the Grand Secretary at an early day after the close of the last session, and I have great pleasure in reporting that the Lodges and Encampments throughout the jurisdiction responded with their accustomed liberality to the call made upon them to complete the noble structure erected in the city of Baltimore to commemorate the founding of Odd-Fellowship upon this continent by THOMAS WILDEY. The amount contributed will appear in the sequel of this report. Herewith I submit accompanying a copy of the circular issued upon the subject referred to.

In conformity to the order given in the third resolution, a contract was entered into with brother JOHN Y. SLATER for printing the revised Journal in accordance with the accepted proposals, and it is due to this brother to say that he has performed his contract with fidelity and dispatch. The Journal was received in proper time and immediately distributed in the manner prescribed by law.

The fourth resolution has been complied with, in so far as applications have been made for the revised Journal and Digest by the Representatives entitled under the resolution to receive them.

It was my great pleasure, in obedience to the fifth resolution, to cause a copy of the resolutions of Rep. BARRY, of Indiana, therein referred to, handsomely engrossed upon a blank diploma, and attested by the signatures of the Grand Officers of the Lodge, to be transmitted, through the M. W. Grand Master, to the R. W. Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, the receipt of which has been appropriately acknowledged. The correspondence on this subject is herewith submitted. The still more interesting and gratifying office of presenting the salutatory address, indicated by the resolutions of Rep. ELLIS, of Maryland, was discharged, with his accustomed ability and courtesy, by P. G. Sire NICHOLSON, upon whom the duty was specially devolved, a report of which in detail will be made at your present session.

The duty charged upon the Corresponding Secretary by the seventh resolution has received the marked attention which it deserved. The resolution of thanks to that distinguished Odd-Fellow, brother JAMES B. NICHOLSON, was splendidly engrossed and placed in a massive frame, the whole presenting a work of great beauty and taste, and was formally presented to him by Grand Secretary WM. CURTIS, at the instance and by request of the undersigned. The correspondence on the subject is herewith reported.

Regarding the subject of the eighth and ninth resolutions as one of great interest, as well in view of the enlightened and appreciative motives which suggested the legislation, as of the very eminent and distinguished institutions into whose respective libraries it was proposed to deposite the historical and literary works of the Order, the Corresponding Secretary entered upon the performance of the duty assigned to him in this connection with much pleasure. Among the communities, perhaps, in our country, was so little known of the true character of the Order, as with those having charge of great public educational institutions; especially has there been absent true information as to its claims as a systematized organization, exercising direct influence upon society at large. The opportunity was now supplied to lay before the thousands who frequented those venerated receptacles of the wisdom of ages, the record of Odd-Fellowship, comprehending its history from its inception, with all its details of progress, during a period of near half a century, and embodied in a form so attractive and voluminous as to invite the attention and to reward the curiosity of all who might enter upon its examination and perusal. Two copies of four volumes each of the Revised Journal, Digest and Covenant, accordingly prepared in splendid binding, were transmitted, the one copy to P. G. Sire ELLISON, of Boston, for presentation to the Harvard University Library, and the other to P. G. Rep. LUCIUS A. THOMAS, to be presented to Yale College Library.

These distinguished brethern kindly performed the service devolved upon them, and have reported the acceptance of these institutions, which have been made in the most complimentary terms. Herewith I submit the correspondence on the subject.

I have the honor to report that the tenth resolution has been carried into effect, and that the portrait of the much honored Past Grand Sire now graces the walls of the Grand Lodge room, adding another to the interesting group of eminent and faithful laborers in the good cause, whose memories will be cherished in the hearts of their brethern for generations to come.

The eleventh resolution has been complied with.

The direction given in the twelfth resolution has been obeyed; the work has been printed and will be supplied to the Grand Representatives during the session.

In response to the notice given by the Corresponding Secretary under the thirteenth and fourteenth resolutions, through the Baltimore Clipper, a daily paper published in Baltimore city, for four weeks previous to the session, inviting proposals for the public printing—a copy of which advertisement is herewith submitted—proposals were received under seal for each class of printing, to wit, the revised and daily Journals. The former will be presented under seal to the Committee on Printing, and the latter has been examined by the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary, and the contract awarded to brother JOHN Y. SLATER, of Baltimore, he being the only bidder.

The Journal of proceedings of the several State Jurisdictions have been received, as follows:

GRAND LODGES.

Minnesota, October 14, 1864, pamphlet.
New Jersey, November 9, 1864, pamphlet.
Iowa, October 19, 1864, pamphlet.
Pennsylvania, from May to November 1864, 1865, pamphlet.
Rhode Island, February and August 1862, 1863, 1864, pamphlet.
Kentucky, October 26, 1864, pamphlet.
Tennessee, Nov. 2, 1864, pamphlet.
District of Columbia, for the year 1864, pamphlet.
New Hampshire, August 16, 1864, pamphlet.
Maine, August 9, 1864, pamphlet.
South Carolina, 1860, 1861, 1862, 1863, pamphlets.
Wisconsin, January 1865, pamphlet.
Massachusetts, February and August 1865, pamphlets.
Kansas, November 1864, pamphlet.
Connecticut, 1850 to 1860, bound volume, No. 2.
Connecticut, 1861, 1862, 1863, 1864, 1865, pamphlets.
Northern New York, August 1864, pamphlet.
Kentucky, October 1864, pamphlet.
Missouri, May 1865, pamphlet.
Ohio, May 1865, pamphlet.
Indiana, May 1865, pamphlet.
Southern New York, 1837 to 1865, 9 vols., handsomely bound.
Canada West, August 1864, pamphlet.
California, May 1865, pamphlet.
Maryland, April 1865, pamphlet.
Oregon, May 1865.

GRAND ENCAMPMENTS

Pennsylvania, 1864 and 1865, pamphlet.
Iowa, October 1864, pamphlet.
Kentucky, October 1864, pamphlet.
Tennessee, October 1864, pamphlet.
New Jersey, October 1864, pamphlet.
Illinois, October 1864, pamphlet.

Northern New York, 1863 and 1864, pamphlets.
Maryland, October 1864, pamphlet.
Ohio, May 1865, pamphlet.
Indiana, May 1865, pamphlet.
Southern New York, February 1865, pamphlet.
California, May 1865, pamphlet.
Missouri, 1864 and 1865, pamphlet.

It will be observed that several of the Grand Bodies which have been in uninterrupted communication with the Order have failed to transmit their proceedings. The Corresponding Secretary respectfully requests to be supplied during the recess.

The correspondence during the year has been of unusual interest, from which the following summary of the condition of the Order is deduced:

Canada West.—The Grand Master of this valuable jurisdiction, Bro. JAMES SMITH, of London, Canada West, has been in active correspondence with this office, and has evinced the deepest interest in the success of his administration of the affairs of the Order. Under date of July 19, 1865, "he expresses great pleasure in reporting that the Order in Canada West is progressing very favorable, and, although the increase in members has not been much during the past year, yet a foundation has been laid which assures strength and permanence to the institution. He also takes occasion to express for himself, and on behalf of the brotherhood at large which he represents, the great gratification which they have experienced in noting the affectionate reception of their Grand Representatives, and the cordial spirit of fraternity which has always characterized the relations between the two Grand Bodies, notwithstanding the difference of nationality." Grand Secretary WIGMORE, in transmitting the annual report, gives utterance to the following noble sentiment: "At our session of 1864 we deeply sympathized with our brothers across the line in their great struggle, but now it is our pleasure to rejoice with you that the struggle is ended, and that once more your great country is at peace. We rejoin you in praises to the Almighty Disposer of events at this happy result, and trust that the rulers in the counsels of our beloved Order may leave unemployed no efforts to contribute their part in the restoration of true fraternal relation among your people. Your present session will possess unusual interest, and will be one long to be remembered."

Lower Provinces of British North America.—The Order in this province has been for the last two years upon the decline. During the recess the M. W. Grand Sire has been earnestly engaged in efforts for its resuscitation. These exertions have been cordially met, and co-operated with by some few of the surviving membership in the jurisdiction, and I am happy to say that, as the the fruit of their joint labors, the Order is again on its feet in the Lower Provinces, with a good hope of attaining its former prosperous condition. In connection with this movement, I feel it to be due to mention brothers JOSEPH D. NASH, M. W. Grand Master, JOHN A. FULLER, D. D. Grand Sire, and N. A. TAYLOR, Grand Secretary, all of Halifax, N. S., as deserving of great praise for their active co-operation in the revival of the Order in this Province. Bro. FULLER has been appointed D. D. Grand Sire, and has entered upon the duties of the office with great energy. Under date of the 17th of July he writes that Fuller Lodge is in a flourishing condition, numbering nearly one hundred and fifty members, and that the other Lodge in Halifax will certainly revive, and the country Lodges will follow the example. Grand Secretary TAYLOR writes, under date of the 4th of August, 1865, "that a brighter day has dawned, and brothers who remain seem determined to take hold again."

Michigan.—The annual report of this Grand Lodge was received with the accustomed promptitude of the very efficient Grand Secretary, Bro. VERNOR. It shows that the Order continues to flourish and meet the just expectations of the brotherhood. In the language of Bro. VERNOR, "continuing prosperity attends our unremitted labors, and our motto is 'Excelsior.' We trust that the annual ses-

sion of 1865 may be a happy one, blessed by the reunion of long tried friends, who unhappily have for so long a time been separated."

Massachusetts.—Brother CHARLES D. COLE, the estimable and very efficient Grand Secretary and Grand Scribe of the jurisdiction of Massachusetts, has transmitted his annual report with his usual dispatch. These reports indicate an eminently prosperous condition of the Order in the State; the number of initiations has doubled that of the past year, whilst the aggregate increase of membership exceeds five hundred. Among the pleasant and agreeable accompaniments of the return is the contribution made by the Daughters of Rebekah, of Lodges Nos. 12 and 24, the one of $37.50 and the other of $33.00, to the Wildey Monument Fund.

Maine.—The annual report of this jurisdiction has been received, from which, in the language of the estimable Secretary, Bro. EDWARD P. BANKS, "it will be perceived that the condition of the Order varies but little from last year—the initiations reached one hundred, and we hope to show a better record in the next year."

New Hampshire.—"It gives me great pleasure," says Grand Secretary JOEL TAYLOR of this State, under date of 19th August, "to report so very favorable an account of the doings of our beloved institution during the past year in this jurisdiction. We have gained in numbers ten per cent., and there is a corresponding interest in the various Lodges, giving great promise for the future, and every encouragement to press onward in our efforts to be serviceable to our fellow-men. We have had the largest gathering at our Grand Lodge ever held in our State, almost every Lodge being represented, and several Lodges which have been much depressed for three or four years are awaking to new life, and starting on the new year with very flattering prospects."

Vermont.—The state of the Order in Vermont was, by resolution of the last session, placed in charge of the M. W. Grand Sire, with power to appoint a Special Commission to visit the Grand Lodge and generally to look after Odd-Fellowship in the jurisdiction. A report will be made by the commission through the M. W. Grand Sire. Meanwhile, I may say that by a letter received from D. D. Grand Sire JAMES MITCHELL, bearing date August 29, 1865, I am informed that the Grand Lodge held its annual session on the 23d inst., on which occasion five Lodges were represented; a large majority were hopeful, and determined to struggle for existence; a Grand Representative was elected and provision made to settle the liabilities of the State. Since writing the above, the Grand Lodge report is received.

Rhode Island.—The very able Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Rhode Island, Bro. JOHN F. DRISCOLL, accompanying the transmission of his annual report, advises the Corresponding Secretary, under date of the 13th August, 1865, that "the Order in Rhode Island has shaken off its lethargy during the past year, and now presents a fair token of continued prosperity. The number returned in our annual report are all members in good standing in their various Subordinate Lodges and Encampments. The best of feeling prevails throughout our entire jurisdiction. The war having ended and the Government having removed nearly all of the soldiers from the hospital, the labors of the "Relief Association" have ended in that department. The committees which have visited the hospital always received a hearty welcome, and have every reason to believe that a great good has been done. Too much praise cannot be awarded to P. G. Master Rev. C. H. MALCON for the admirable manner in which he has conducted the Association and for the vast amount of time he has devoted to its interests."

Connecticut.—The highly valued Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Connecticut, Bro. LUCIUS A. THOMAS, transmitted his annual report on the 30th ult., and accompanies the same with the following interesting communication: "We have made a decided gain this year in both branches numerically, besides which the life of the Order has revived; there is more activity amongst the Lodges and a better lodge attendance. Altogether we have reason for encouragement for the future."

Southern New York.—The annual reports from Southern New York shows the Order to be gradually and steadily on the increase. This increase the worthy Grand Scribe, Patriarch JOHN J. DAVIES, reports "to be healthful and not spasmodic." I am indebted to Grand Secretary LANGDON for the prompt transmission of his report and for continuous and interesting correspondence during the year. The reunion of the two jurisdictions in New York, which has been happily consummated, is auspicious of a speedy restoration of the former great prosperity of the Order in the entire State. I have pleasure in acknowledging the receipt of the entire Journal of the Grand Lodge of Southern New York, splendidly bound in nine volumes, octavo, as a presentation to the library of the Grand Lodge of the United States.

Northern New York.—The annual report of the Grand Lodge has been received in good season. Touching the condition of the Order in the jurisdiction, the veteran and very efficient Grand Secretary, Bro. W. H. H. PRALL, writes under date of August 25th as follows: "Northern New York has considerably improved in membership during the past year, although no new Lodge has been created. We have reached our base of declension, and are now ascending the ladder by which we will ultimately reach our former prosperity. The attendance at Lodge meetings has much improved, more zeal is manifested, more desire to perpetuate and carry out the principles of our beloved Order. In one Lodge alone in southern territory fifty initiations have occured, and that of the best citizens in the city where it is located. On the whole we have cause to rejoice that the condition of the Order in this jurisdiction is prosperous and encouraging. The mortality in our ranks has been much heavier than in former years. War has deprived us of many a gallant brother, as in other States. The Degree of Rebekah is becoming more and more popular. During last year one hundred and sixteen ladies were its recipients, being a marked increase from that of former annual reports. It has since its creation been conferred in this jurisdiction in some seventy Lodges and upon upwards of three thousand ladies."

Brother W. P. CARPENTER, the Grand Scribe of the Grand Encampment of this jurisdiction, has communicated his annual report in very good season, from which I am enabled to glean much interesting information. This branch of the Order is in excellent condition, and is well described in his own language, which I quote as follows: "With the same number of Encampments as last year, our returns show a very gratifying increase in membership, with very flattering prospects for the future. As in union there is strength, so may we hope for a bright future."

New Jersey.—The Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of New Jersey, Bro. JOHN O. RAUM, is among the most interesting and valued correspondents of this office. The condition of the Order in that State is highly prosperous, and is described by brother RAUM as follows: "It affords me great pleasure to be able to report that our Order in this State is steadily increasing. Our prosperity the last year exceeds that of the preceding year. As our principles become known they are appreciated, and men of intelligence and standing in our State are flocking to our standard. I was enabled to report last year a greater prosperity than had been known for many previous years. This year it becomes my happy privilege to report a still greater increase in our membership, though we are compelled to report a less number of Lodges, with an increase of receipts fifty per cent. greater than the preceding year, enabling us to bestow a greater amount to objects of charity than formerly. It is only necessary to bring the principles of our Order before the public, and they are at once appreciated by the intelligent thinking mind."

Pennsylvania —The veteran Grand Secretary of this vast commonwealth in Odd-Fellowship, in transmitting his annual report on the 15th July, 1865, discourses eloquently upon the splendid fruits which had been harvested in our moral vineyard within that jurisdiction during the past year. "I herewith send you," he remarks, "the annual report of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania for the past year, and in doing so I may be permitted to say that in the twenty-six consecutive reports made by me to the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States,

this exceeds them all. We have increased during the past year largely, adding nearly four thousand five hundred to our membership, while the annual receipts of Subordinate Lodges swell up to near the large amount of $322,000. This is truly gratifying to every lover of our institution, and it is with much pleasure that I say our sick have been relieved, our dead buried, and the widow and the orphan have not been sent empty away. Our Lodges are dwelling together in peace and good will, and the only rivalry that exists among them is which can do the most good or who can relieve the most distress. And now peace having once more spread her broad mantle over our fair land, we may indulge the hope that the year we have just entered upon may yield a larger harvest than the one just past."

District of Columbia.—Our Order has ever maintained a successful field in the District of Columbia. At no former period, however, has its fortunes been more prosperous than during the past year. The very interesting reports of the Worthy Grand Secretary, Bro. P. H. SWEET, and Grand Scribe, Patriarch WHALEY, which are annexed, truthfully and forcefully present the picture: "It is with pleasure," writes the Grand Secretary, "that I am enabled to state that the Order here is increasing in numerical and moral strength—going on in its great mission of mercy and labor of love. Under its hallowed influences, with its principles imbedded in our hearts, it cannot fail to improve and bless humanity, and thus become one of the great moral levers of the world, to hasten on that bright and glorious period of 'peace on earth and good will to man.'"

To which Grand Scribe WHALEY adds the following: "In the performance of the duty of transmitting the annual report of this District, it is now gratifying to be enabled to communicate the intelligence of the continued and increasing prosperity of the Encampment branch of our beloved Order here. Of the four Encampments in this jurisdiction, each one had added largely to its membership, whilst they have been blessed with but little sickness or mortality. With the activity and vigor of young manhood, we are steadily, successfully advancing, adding strength and numbers to the old guards of our tent, who have watched and nutured our infancy, and who now like the rude Patriarchs of old, sit in the full contentment and quiet contemplation of a well-spent life, looking upon the noble structure reared by the persevering efforts, and supported by those strong pillars of Faith, Hope, and Charity, against which the strength of a Samson would be unavailing as the weakness of an infant. Now that the benignant rays of peace gladden our hearts, and the bright rainbow of promise spans the horizon we may look forward, not only here, but throughout the whole country, for the increased dissemination of those ennobling principles of our Order which have soothed so many sufferers and relieved the distressed, and which are yet destined to soften down the animosities of the past, and make us dwell together in peace and unity, joined by the indissoluble chain of Friendship, Love, and Truth."

Virginia.—Information has reached the Corresponding Secretary that a meeting of the Grand Lodge of Virginia was held at Richmond in the month of July last, at which Grand Representatives were chosen, who will doubtless be present at your present session. The Grand Encampment had also assembled on the 18th August and elected a Grand Representative.

North Carolina.—Letters have been received from several distinguished brothers of this jurisdiction,—among others, from P. G. Rep. W. J. HOKE—all of whom unite in expressing an earnest desire for a reunion in the work of Odd-Fellowship with as little delay as possible. The death of the Grand Master of the State has devolved the office upon the Deputy Grand Master, Bro. W. P. EDWARDS, from whom a communication under date of Aug. 17, 1865, has been received, informing me of the appointment by him of a Grand Representative. Communications had also been received from Neuse Lodge, No. 6, at Goldsboro', asking for supplies, which could not be sent by reason of the irregularity of the application.

South Carolina.—With this jurisdiction continuous and regular official communication has been had since the close of the war. I am happy to say that

the Grand Lodge of South Carolina has made her annual report, through the well remembered Grand Secretary, Brother EDWARD MITCHELL. It is worthy also of special notice that the Grand Lodge of South Carolina has continued true to her fealty to the Order, and although efforts were made to induce a contrary action, she has placed upon record, to her honor, her open avowal that "she had no cause of grievance against the Grand Lodge of the United States, that she has always held a high and influential position in that body, and had ever received all the rights and immunities accorded by the laws." The jurisdiction is now in regular correspondence, and is in receipt of such supplies as her wants require. I have also the great pleasure to report that the distinguished brother who so ably administered the chief executive office of the Order at the outbreak of the rebellion, P. G. Sire ROBERT B. BOYLSTON, has ever been steadfast and firm in his devotion to the unity of the Order, and has availed of every proper and legal channel which was within his reach to correspond with the Grand Secretary. These opportunities have been for the most part under flag of truce. He has earnestly sought to obtain our Journals and other printed works, and has manifested a love and devotion for the Order which no adverse circumstances could relax or abate. So soon as the war was ended, he was the first to offer his congratulations upon the speedy reunion of the Brotherhood, and to breathe his earnest prayer for its continued prosperity. God grant that the noble spirit of fraternity which animates him may diffuse itself every where among our brethren, North and South, East and West!

Georgia.—Upon the 18th day of May, 1865, I was highly gratified to receive a communication from JAMES L. HAUPT, Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Georgia, earnestly seeking to have the Journal of Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of the United States for the years 1861, 1862, 1863 and 1864, and expressing the general wish of the brotherhood to renew their affiliation and fellowship. This correspondence was encouraged, and has been maintained, until through the untiring efforts and agency of the M. W. Grand Sire, the reorganization of the Order has been effected and the Grand Lodge of the State has met and chosen Grand Representatives, who will appear at your present session. I beg also to state in this connection that I received on the 12th of July, 1865, by the hands of JOSEPH DOWDALL, Scribe of Capitol Encampment, No. 6, of the jurisdiction of Ohio, one Charge, one Encampment, and one Degree of Rebekah book, which he had obtained from a returned soldier. These books were the property of Central Lodge, No. 28, Atlanta, Georgia, and Chattanooga Encampment, Georgia, upon receipt of which I took occasion to return, in your behalf, thanks to Patriarch DOWDALL, of Ohio. I cannot close this statement in relation to the Order in Georgia without adding that I am in receipt also of a letter from Past Grand Representative BENJAMIN CONLEY, of Georgia, long a distinguished and beloved Grand Representative in this Body, which breathes the true spirit of Odd-Fellowship throughout. He asks, "What has been doing in Odd-Fellowship, for I have been buried four long years, and I thirst for light and knowledge on the subject; the pleasant reminiscences of the past, however, have not and cannot be shut out from my memory; they will remain during life, and to perpetuate them I wish to keep up my interest both in the measures of the Order and the men with whom they have been created."

Florida.—The brethren in Florida are, I am happy to report, also in active motion to meet us in renewed fellowship and love. Delighted with the sentiments and spirit of the Grand Sire's proclamation, they rejoice in the prospect of reunion. A lettter from Bro. SAMUEL QUAILE, Grand Secretary, dated at Talahassee, May 4, 1865, gives me the gratifying intelligence that efforts are now making to reorganize the Order, and that hopes are entertained that the Grand Lodge will be represented by a delegation from the State.

Mississippi.—The Grand Lodge of this State, as in South Carolina, has maintained with strict fidelity its connexion as a subordinate to the Grand Lodge of the United States, notwithstanding the difficulties of such a position during the last four years, and, although pressed for a severance of its relations with the supreme head, has formally and emphatically refused so to do. The Grand Sire

has had a very interesting correspondence with the Grand Master of the State, Bro. R. B. MAYER. Bro. MAYER writes a most eloquent and gratifying letter as to the general condition of the Order, evincing great devotion to the Grand Lodge of the United States; he speaks of the unusual zeal which prevails among the brotherhood, and assures us with confidence of a thorough revival in the Order throughout the State. Bro. JOHN B. DICKS, so long and so well known to us all as the estimable and efficient Grand Secretary of this jurisdiction, writes to me, under date of August 14, as follows: "I feel satisfied that if a few only of the old members will put their shoulders to the wheel and work with their wonted zeal in behalf of Odd-Fellowship, but a short time will elapse before Mississippi will have regained her position in the Order, and the influence of the jurisdiction be instrumental in harmonizing the brotherhood throughout its borders."

Louisiana.—The Grand Lodge of this State is now and has been during the past year in direct connexion with the Order. Grand Representatives have been elected from the Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment, and the annual reports have also been received. The Order is highly prosperous in both branches in the State, and its affairs are administered in the most efficient manner. It is a source of great delight to the Corresponding Secretary to renew his correspondence with that distinguished brother, Grand Secretary HENRY BIER, who has so long and so ably officiated as Grand Secretary of the State.

Delaware.—This comparatively small jurisdiction in Odd-Fellowship is among the most successful and zealous of our membership. During a long series of years the affairs of the Order have been ably and efficiently conducted by its Grand Officers, and its position is one of firm and stable security, and of great prosperity. The annual report of the Grand Lodge has been received, transmitted with the accustomed dispatch of the Worthy Grand Secretary, Bro. G. M'INTYRE, who accompanies the same with the following brief but gratifying statement: "I have the pleasure to report that the Order in Delaware is still increasing and in a flourishing condition in every respect; there has been one more Lodge added to our number, and an increase to our membership of one hundred and seventy-seven." During the year the Grand Encampment, the charter of which had been surrendered, has been reorganized. Under its superintendence and direction the Patriarchal Branch is having good success. Patriarch W. B. HYLAND, the Grand Scribe, informs me under date of the 3d of August, "that the Encampment Branch of the Order enjoys a degree of prosperity which assures the life and health of the Grand Encampment just revived." D. D. Grand Sire HENRY ECKEL, to whose charge the Subordinate Encampments were committed in December, 1858, has made a general report of his administration, which I have caused to be published herewith, not only because of the great interest to the Order at large which the paper presents, but because of the example which it supplies to the brotherhood of fidelity, ability, and proper energy in the performance of official duty.

Maryland.—The annual reports from the Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment are each in hand, and fully sustain the high reputation in the Order which the Alma Mater Jurisdiction has so long enjoyed. During a period of at least thirty years, the career of Odd-Fellowship in Maryland has been a continuous and uninterrupted success, and her membership may with pride turn to her work for a full vindication of the true character of the Order, and for a practical illustration of its principles. The prosperity and efficiency of the administration of Odd-Fellowship in the Subordinate and Patriarchal branches are not more eminent and commanding than is the devotion and persistent energy of this brotherhood in the auxiliary departments of the Order.

The subject of education to the orphan children of deceased brethren has for many years been sedulously kept in view, and their earnest labor of love in this direction has been crowned with great success. Nor have they been wanting in proper consideration for the living. Whilst all the duties and obligations which the sick and distressed may claim have been promptly met, they have supplied to the brethren, through the instrumentality of a splendid library, the means of moral and intellectual culture, which, indepen-

dently of the value of the reading to the individual member who seeks it, affords an attraction to attendance upon Lodge duties, which does not fail to assemble large numbers who might otherwise be unprofitably engaged. This example is respectfully commended to other jurisdictions.

Grand Secretary ESCAVAILLE accompanies his very accurate and carefully prepared report with the following statement: "It affords me much pleasure to say that the past year has been one of marked success in every department of the work in this jurisdiction. The membership has largely increased; the receipts into the treasury of the Subordinate Lodges have been augmented; whilst the sick and the distressed, the widow and the orphan have been the objects of the guardian care and solicitude of the brotherhood throughout this domain. In a word, the Order at this time in Maryland enjoys a greater degree of prosperity than at any period of its history for many years past."

Missouri.—Of the Grand Lodge of Missouri it could not be otherwise than expected that the renown which the jurisdiction has won through a long series of years of labor and devotion, and which form so conspicuous a part of the history of Odd-Fellowship, should not only be zealously maintained, but that, animated by the presence at her council-board of so many distinguished Odd-Fellows, she should toil for further and greater honors in the generous rivalry now going on amongst the State Jurisdictions. This expectation by the reports received is fully supported, and I need only refer to the accompanying extract from a letter received from the worthy Grand Secretary, Brother C. C. ARCHER, to fully justify the encomium passed upon her: "The annual report which I herewith have the honor to transmit will show that the Order in this jurisdiction is recuperative beyond our most sanguine expectations. Some new Lodges have been instituted and several Lodges which for a few years were compelled to relinquish their charters owing to the unsettled condition of their localities, have resumed work, and we anticipate that during the present year many more will be restored. There is also a handsome increase in membership over the number reported last year, and our finances were never in a better condition than at this time. Altogether our prospects are encouraging and gratifying." Patriarch LIBBY, the efficient Grand Scribe of the Grand Encampment, advises me also that the Patriarchal branch is in a healthy condition, and "that although a less number of Encampments is reported than last year, yet the membership is more than double, and the signs indicate increasing prosperity."

Alabama.—On the 14th day of June the Corresponding Secretary received with delight a letter dated Mobile, June 2, 1865, from P. G. Rep. F. J. BARNARD, a brother well known to many of the Grand Representatives of the session of 1855, '56. That letter breathed the pure spirit of Odd-Fellowship. He recurred to the pleasant reminiscences of the past, and expressed the earnest hope that Alabama will soon again be in the glorious union of the Order. "Let us know," he writes, "what will be required of us to return to our duty." I wrote him that our joy would be equal to that of the brethren of Alabama to clasp hands again in fellowship, and urged him to action. The desired effect has been produced—the Grand Lodge was convened, and Representatives have been chosen to your present session. The Order has in general been doing well in Mobile.

Illinois.—Grand Secretary SAMUEL WILLARD, of Illinois, under date of Aug. 18th, writes as follows: "The reports will show you, upon comparison with those of last year, that a tide of returning prosperity seems again bearing upon the Order in Illinois. The largest part of our gain in membership has accrued within the last six months of the year reported, and letters to this office show that old members are becoming reinstated, new ones joining—weak Lodges are reviving, and those that have slept in the night of war are waking to renew their course of usefulness and beneficence. Our prospects are quite cheering." I congratulate the Grand Lodge of Illinois upon the return of this able brother to the office of Grand Secretary of the State. The work of the Patriarchal branch is also highly prosperous in Illinois, having entirely recovered from the

shock occasioned by the late civil war. The worthy Grand Scribe, Patriarch N. C. NASON, fitly describes its condition in the following language: "The paralyzing influences of the events of 1861 seemed to fall with especial severity upon the Encampment branch of the Order in this State. For five years preceding 1862 the membership had remained nearly stationary, never going above eleven hundred nor falling below one thousand. In the year ending with June, 1862, it became reduced to seven hundred and eighty-five, a loss in one year of nearly twenty-five per cent. The next year, however, a large portion of this loss was recovered, and we have been steadily and surely gaining since, till now our membership largely exceeds the highest figures reached before the war. With returning peace, the Patriarchal Order has received a fresh impulse in this State, and its prospects for a prosperous future were never brighter than now."

Indiana.—The annual reports from this State were received at an unusually early period, and are highly gratifying. In no part of our field of labor has the yield been more abundant. I cannot describe the condition of the Order in any language of mine so well as that employed by the able and distinguished Grand Secretary of the State, Bro. E. H. BARRY, who writes accompanying his annual report as follows: "You will see by our reports that the prosperity with which this jurisdiction has been favored in the past several years is increasing rather than abating. We do not base our exultant feelings at our continued success upon the increase of our membership—the augmentation of our resources, and the enhanced amount of relief extended; these are the results, not the causes of the prosperity for which we are grateful. We hold an adherence to, and exemplification of our principles, paramount to our pecuniary advantages. The enhanced figures in our statistics are the result of the admitted success of our efforts to elevate the character of man, to imbue him with proper conceptions of his capabilities for good, and to make him more regularly thoughtful of the happiness of those around him. The practice of our principles commend our Order to the wise and the good, and they are induced to co-operate with us in our efforts to ameliorate the condition of man."

Ohio.—This great State in our confederacy continues to occupy the second position of strength in the Order, and presents the most interesting report for the past year. In the Grand Lodge jurisdiction the same energy and persistent ability of administration which has for many years characterized the executive department, has been sedulously pursued, and has produced the most gratifying results. Bro. W. C. EARL, the very efficient Grand Secretary, describes the condition of the Order in the State in the following eloquent terms: "Not only have we grown in numbers, but in strength and in devotion to the principles on which our Order is founded. Now that the red hand of war is hidden, and peace sheds her pleasant smiles over all the land, we feel assured that here in our 'Buckeye State,' we have entered upon a career of prosperity which will surpass any former period of our history. Odd-Fellowship *is* a messenger of good to men. Would that its merits were more universally understood, and its teachings more generally exemplified!"

Kentucky.—Our Order is advancing in Kentucky under the lead of as noble spirits as the world has ever known. Notwithstanding the peculiar and Herculean obstacles which have checked almost all progress of every kind in this State, Odd-Fellowship has refused to succumb and has survived in triumph all its trials. In the cheering language of the ever faithful Grand Secretary, Bro. WM. WHITE, addressed to me on the 15th August, 1865. "The principles of benevolence and charity have been actively at work, as will be seen by the increase in the number relieved and the amount expended therefor. A lively interest is felt and manifested throughout the jurisdiction. The spirit of revival is abroad, and the good work is going gloriously onward. Our most estimable Grand Master has been indefatigable in his efforts, and he will have visited every Subordinate in the jurisdiction ere the meeting of the Grand Lodge."

Tennessee.—I am in possession of a very interesting letter from Grand Secretary JOHN F. HIDE, under date of July 10, 1865, accompanying the transmission of the Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment reports, which details at length

the condition of the Order in the State, from which the following extracts are supplied: "As you will see by the reports, several of our Subordinate Lodges have resumed work since my last report, and the number of our membership is steadily increasing. I am happy to inform you that the work still goes bravely on, and in the past few weeks I have been in communication with several Lodges that propose to resume as soon as the necessary books, &c. can reach them, and I am fully satisfied that before this Grand Jurisdiction is called upon for their next reports we shall have at least double the number of Lodges and Encampments at work that we now report. Our horizon, so long dimmed by the dark and cruel ravages of war, brightens, and we see in the distance, and drawing rapidly near, a bright and glorious prospect for the future: for the white-winged angel of peace has perched upon our banner again, and we have flung its ample folds to the breeze, and adopted as our motto, 'the bonds of Friendship, Love, and Truth as the best safeguards against the ills of life.'"

Arkansas.—The Grand Sire has been in direct official communicatoin with this State for several months, and I have the satisfaction of reporting that steps have been taken to assemble the Grand Lodge, and that a Grand Representative will be present at this session.

Wisconsin.—The State of the Order in Wisconsin is healthful although there has been no considerable increase during the past year. The annual reports of the Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment were dispatched by Bro. L. B. Hill, Grand Secretary and Grand Scribe, in proper season, and were received on 26th August, 1865.

Iowa.—The very attentive and worthy Grand Secretary and Grand Scribe of this jurisdiction, Bro. Wm. Garrett, cheers us again by his encouraging voice: he writes as follows; "I hope, my brother, you will have a happy time in September, and that our long absent brothers will return to the fold, and that we will be once more united and forever. I believe Odd-Fellowship will go on now prospering. Iowa gives a good account of the past year; we now number eighty-nine Lodges, and several, that have surrendered are making arrangements to revive; we number eighteen Encampments, an increase of four, and all doing well."

Texas.—The M. W. Grand Sire in his zeal, to gather in every errant member of our unity, with considerable difficulty succeeded in reaching the jurisdiction of Texas, with which the facilities of correspondence have been very limited. His proclamation, however, reached Galveston on the 27th of July last. Bro. Past Grand Master Oscar Farrish, a well known distinguished Odd-Fellow in that jurisdiction, to whom it was addressed, writes on the same day on which it was received a reply abounding in unmistakable evidences of his love and devotion to the Order. His language is as follows: "Your letter and the proclamation in every word and sentence breathes the pure principles of our beloved Order, and affords additional evidence, if any was wanting, of how much more influence for good, gentleness, love, consideration and kindness will exercise than do unkindness, harshness, cruelty or insult. I can truly say that since my connection with the Order, a period of thirty years, nothing has given me more heartfelt joy and gratification than has your letter and proclamation; at the time of its reception, the M. W. Grand Master, Thomas M. Joseph, and myself, were discussing the matter and had fully determined to convene a communication of the Grand Lodge, for the purpose of electing Representatives to the Grand Lodge of the United States, leaving it entirely to the generosity of that body to say whether we should again be received into filiation or not; but as soon as your communication was received all doubts on the subject which we might have entertained were at once banished, and your proclamation together with the call made by the Grand Master for a communication of the Grand Lodge at this place on the 28th of August, for the purpose of electing Representatives to the Grand Lodge of the United States, was published in the next day's paper. It is proper for me to state, in the spirit of candor, that when secession had taken place, that our Grand Lodge regularly seceded from that of the Grand Lodge of the United States. *This was improper and we erred in doing so.* We unquestionably had

the right to surrender the books, charter, &c. &c., to the Grand Lodge of the United States, and thereby sever our connection with the Order; but we had no right to secede and still *keep up the Order*; but, whether right or wrong, it was done, and, with this exception, none of the principles of Odd-Fellowship were ignored. When the Grand Lodge shall meet, the first act will be to declare the act of secession illegal, *ab initio*, rescind the same and elect Representatives to the Grand Lodge. This statement which I have made may possibly change your feelings and views if so, I shall deeply regret it. If, on the contrary, you should still entertain for us your sympathy, your love and your fraternal feelings, and the Grand Lodge of the United States should approve of and act upon the same, I think I can safely say that no portion of her jurisdiction, to the extent of its members, will contain truer and purer Odd-Fellows than will that of Texas."

California.—Odd-Felowship accompanied the founders of this western empire in their pioneer advent to the Pacific shore, and there raised its standard, and was warmed into active life and being by the adventurous emigrant from the East. As the vast elements of wealth and power of the new State have lifted it to its present eminent prosperity, within a comparatively very few years, and given to it a foremost rank in the Federal Union, so likewise has a corresponding influence, under the guidance af the same energy, advanced our Order in California to great strength and power, and secured for it, as a member of the general confederation, a position of deserved eminence. The annual returns—transmitted at an early day by Bro. T. Rodger Johnson the accomplished and able Grand Secretary and Grand Scribe—shows that in amount of revenue and its disbursements for relief to the brotherhood the Grand Lodge of California is only surpassed in our whole unity by the great jurisdiction of Pennsylvania. She has also led the way, whilst the other States have nobly followed, in contributions to the building of that memorial of love and respect which consecrates the name of Wildey to immortality, and symbolizes principles and their embodiment which will survive the marble itself. The Grand Lodge of the United States has enlarged this jurisdiction by the annexation of the contiguous Territories in which Odd-Fellowship exists, and it is apparent from the prosperity which is shown by the reports from these points that the legislation in that wise has been proper and profitable. Brother Johnson advises me that it is more than probable that Nevada will apply for a Grand Lodge charter, having now ten Subordinate Lodges, all in fine work; and that Bro. P. G. Rep. Schuyler Colfax was with them, and was expected to confer the Degree of Rebekah upon one hundred ladies. I have great pleasure in acknowleding the receipt of the annual report of the Odd-Fellows' Library Association of San Francisco, from which the gratifying intelligence is derived that this invaluable auxiliary to the Order now numbers on its shelves 12,043 volumes, and has also a mineral cabinet of the value of $26,000.

Minnesota.—The annual report from this jurisdiction was received in good season, from which it appears that the Order maintains a very respectable status, and Bro. D. Ramaley, the Grand Secretary, predicts a reasonable increase of membership in view of the more favorable prospect of the times. A request is made from this jurisdiction that some legislation be had upon the subject of contributing membership: it is stated that the effect of high rates of dues to support the benefit system is to drain the Order of good members, who find ready admission into the Masonic family, where the tax in this respect is inconsiderable. There are eight Lodges in the State in prosperous condition.

Oregon.—Under date of August 7, 1865, I have advices from Bro. Charles N. Terry, the much valued Grand Secretary of this jurisdiction, who transmits the amount to close the accounts of the Grand Lodge of the State. He writes touching the condition of the Order, as follows: "You will see by our report, which I enclose, that we are still advancing. The past year has been to us an encouraging one, and our prospects are flattering for the future. I think there is no doubt but our prosperity will continue, and increase with greater rapidity, as our population is at this time largely upon the advance. I hope that your

session will be pleasant this year, and that many jurisdictions that have been absent heretofore will be present to unite their voices in the good of humanity."

Kansas.—Grand Secretary BURDETT writes of this jurisdiction,§ as follows: "The condition of the Order here is slightly improved since my last annual report. We have but one more Lodge, it is true, but the membership has increased a little, and the annual receipts are larger by $900.00, while the amount expended for relief of brothers is larger than last year, and the number of initiations greater, all of which indicates that, although we are not increasing as rapidily as we could wish, yet we are alive to the great work."

Nebraska.—The Grand Lodge report is in, which compares favorably with that of last year: there is at prosperous work in this jurisdiction seven Lodges, with a membership exceeding three hundred, and two Subordinate Encampments each of which has reported.

Sandwich Island.—The Order in this remote jurisdiction has been transferred to the Grand Lodge of California. There is but one Lodge in the Islands—Excelsior, No. 1, at Honolulu: Polynesia Encampment, No. 1, located heretofore at the same place, has ceased to work, and the charter, books, funds and furniture have been surrendered to the D. D. Grand Sire in charge, Bro. W. C. PAIKE. Advices received from this worthy and very efficient Grand Officer under date of June 24, 1865, informs the Grand Secretary that in accordance with instructions received from him in April, 1864, the D. D. Grand Sire has closed up the affairs of Polynesia Encampment, only after having exhausted every means to revive it. The books and papers have been placed in an iron safe belonging to the Encampment; the regalia of the Encampment has been packed in a chest and deposited in the ante-room of Excelsior Lodge. An account is rendered of the disposition of the funds of the Encampment amounting to $481.51, which is submitted for the consideration of the Committee on Finance. Excelsior Lodge stands charged on the books of the Grand Lodge of the United States with the sum of $131.24, which the Lodge alleges was duly paid to Bro. R. A. S. WOOD, former D. D. Grand Sire for the jurisdiction; if so paid it never reached the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of the United States; the Lodge claims credit for this amount, upon the ground of payment to the regularly authorized agent of the Grand Lodge of the United States, a claim which will be doubtless allowed if the facts be made out. I have directed the D. D. Grand Sire to obtain and transmit the receipts of D. D. Grand Sire WOOD, upon the arrival of which it is suggested that the credit be allowed. There is also set up another claim against the Grand Lodge of the United States by this Lodge, which the Corresponding Secretary does not consider well founded. The facts are as follows: D. D. Grand Sire R. A. S. WOOD in transmitting the reports of Excelsior Lodge in June, 1862, sent also a draft for $131.69 on Duane Lodge, No. 11, Illinois, which was received, collected, and placed to the credit of his account, as directed by him. Since when he has made further payments amounting to $96.98. It is now alleged by the Lodge that this draft, being for advances made to a sick member of Duane Lodge and for his burial expenses, was placed in the hands of D. D. Grand Sire WOOD for collection by the Lodge, and not in payment of dues to the Grand Lodge of the United States. The Corresponding Secretary does not perceive, even though the facts were admitted, that there is any claim against the Grand Lodge of the United States. Bro. WOOD was acting in his individual character, and in no representative capacity, in undertaking to collect the debt for the Lodge, and having collected it and failed to pay it over to them, has been guilty of a great breach of faith to the Lodge. The subject, however, is referred to the consideration of the Grand Lodge. The report upon the condition of the Lodge has doubtless been made to the Grand Lodge of California.

Washington Territory.—The Order in this Territory is under the jurisdiction of Oregon, and it is presumed reports to that Grand Body.

Nevada.—This jurisdiction has been annexed to California and reports to it.

Colorado Territory.—Two Lodges exist in Colorado—Union, No. 1, at Denver City, and Rocky Mountain, No. 2, at Central city, Gilpin county, instituted 13th June last. There has been great difficulty in reaching the brethren in Colorado through the mails and express. The Grand Lodge of the United States is greatly indebted to D. D. Grand Sire JABEZ N. VANDEVENTER, of this jurisdiction, for indefatigable exertions in the discharge of his official duties. He has transmitted to this office an elaborate report, under date of July 4, 1865, from which the Corresponding Secretary would have been gratified to make extracts, but could not do so without prejudice to the whole paper, which he herewith respectfully submits. The returns of the Lodges have been made and the per centage paid.

New Mexico.—Upon the breaking out of the war the Order in New Mexico was wholly disorganized. On the 14th June, in reply to several letters written by the M. W. Grand Sire to J. HOUGHTON, Noble Grand of Paradise Lodge, No. 2, of Santa Fe, New Mexico, and others, the most satisfactory information was had of the desire of the brotherhood to reorganize. A meeting of the members took place and Paradise Lodge, No. 2, was revived and put at work. P. G. ZADOCK STAAB was recommended by the Lodge and appointed by the Grand Sire as D. D. Grand Sire for the jurisdiction. It is confidently promised that prosperity will soon revisit the Order in New Mexico.

West Virginia.—Special Commissioner, Bro. THOS. G. STEELE, P. G. M., has been assiduous and earnest in the administration of his office during the past year, and will doubtless make a special report. A new Lodge has been instituted during the year at Hartford City, West Virginia, by Bro. STEELE, under auspicious circumstances.

It is a source of great pleasure to the Grand Secretary to congratulate the Grand Lodge upon the promptitude and dispatch of the various Grand Secretaries and Grand Scribes in transmitting the annual reports for this year, and I take occasion to make my sincere acknowledgments to these brethren, for their attention in this respect has relieved me from that pressure which they are aware is inseparable from a crowd of work thrown upon a public officer on the eve of the proper day for his official report.

Reports have been received during year from

Minnesota Encampment, No. 1, St. Paul, Minnesota.
Delaware, " " 1, Delaware.
McDonald, " " 2, "
Reynolds, " " 3, "
Dover, " " 5, "
Kirkwood, " " 6, "
Union, " " 7, "
Ridgely, " " 1, Nebraska.
Hesperian, " " 2, "
Union Lodge, No. 1, Colorado Territory.
Greble " " 1, Fortress Monroe.

Warrants upon proper application have been issued, with the approbation of the Grand Sire, for the following Lodges and Encampment:

Liberty Lodge, No. —, Hartford city, Mason county, West Virginia.
Rocky Mountain Lodge, No. 2, Central city, Colorado.
Greble Lodge, No. 1, Fortress Monroe.
Utah Lodge, No. 1, Salt Lake city, Utah.
Hesperian Encampment, No. 2, Omaha, Nebraska.

These several Lodges have been instituted, and reports have been returned by the installing officers, which are herewith submitted. They are all represented to have commenced work under promise of success. A commission has been issued upon formal application to P. G. Representative S. G. GOODRICH, of Nebraska, authorizing him to confer the Patriarchal degree upon a number of Scarlet degree members, to enable them to qualify for application for an Encampment at Omaha city, Nebraska Territory. The commission issued November 21, 1864; and has been duly returned.

An application was received during the recess for the restoration of the charter of the Grand Encampment of Delaware, by the proper number of Subordinates, to wit, Delaware, No. 1, McDonald, No. 2, Reynolds, No. 3, Dover, No. 5, and Brandywine, No. 7. On the 29th of February, 1865, the charter was formally returned through D. D. Grand Sire ECKEL, endorsed as follows: This charter, which was surrendered to the Grand Lodge of the United States by resolution of the Grand Encampment of Delaware, is on this day, by order of the M. W. Grand Sire, and upon proper application, restored. This Grand Encampment was formally reorganized by the D. D. Grand Sire, and is now at successful work.

Supplies have been forwarded by order of the Grand Sire to all the Southern Jurisdictions from which applications have been received, and I am to happy say that correspondence has been generally resumed with them all.

The following statement represents the amounts for each specific purpose received from each Grand Jurisdiction and Subordinate Lodge and Encampment under this Grand Body, during the past fiscal year. The several amounts received have been paid into the treasury, vouchers for which accompany this report. A supplementary report will be made of the further receipts during the session:

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS *of Grand Secretary for the fiscal year commencing September* 20, 1864, *and ending September* 1, 1865.

GRAND LODGES.	Balance.	Cards.	Books.	Odes.	Diplomas.	Miscellaneous.	Representative Tax.	Total.
Maryland	.....	75 00	68 00	10 00	28 13	.....	150 00	331 13
Massachusetts	.....	212 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	150 00	362 50
Southern New York	.....	192 50	85 70	.....	28 13	48	150 00	456 81
Pennsylvania	.....	625 00	321 00	100 00	.....	.....	150 00	1,196 00
District of Columbia	.....	.....	20	.....	.....	.....	.....	20
Delaware	.....	75 00	24 00	.....	.....	.....	150 00	249 00
Ohio	.....	850 00	588 50	20 00	.....	.....	150 00	1,608 50
Louisiana	.....	75 00	110 00	.....	.....	.....	150 00	335 00
New Jersey	.....	150 00	186 50	45 00	36 00	.....	150 00	567 50
Kentucky	.....	175 00	128 50	.....	.....	.....	150 00	453 50
Indiana	.....	725 00	386 00	80 00	28 13	.....	150 00	1,369 13
Missouri	.....	225 00	212 50	10 00	.....	.....	150 00	597 50
Illinois	.....	625 00	218 00	.....	.....	.....	150 00	993 00
Connecticut	.....	25 00	8 00	.....	.....	.....	150 00	183 00
Tennessee	.....	.....	68 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	68 00
Georgia	.....	6 50	.....	.....	.....	15	.....	6 65
Maine	.....	30 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	30 00
New Hampshire	.....	125 00	30 00	.....	.....	.....	150 00	305 00
Michigan	.....	143 75	142 00	.....	.....	.....	150 00	435 75
Wisconsin	.....	110 00	122 50	.....	50 00	.....	150 00	432 50
Iowa	.....	275 00	115 50	20 00	28 13	.....	150 00	588 63
Rhode Island	20 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	75 00	95 00
Northern New York	.....	162 50	24 00	.....	.....	.....	150 00	336 50
Minnesota	.....	24 00	10 00	4 80	.....	58	75 00	114 38
California	.....	175 00	417 50	100 00	337 50	307 59	150 00	1,487 50
Canada West	105 00	.....	2 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	107 00
Oregon	.....	25 00	109 00	10 00	.....	.....	75 00	219 00
Nebraska	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	75 00	75 00
Kansas	.....	.....	20 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	20 00
	125 00	5,106 75	3,397 40	399 80	536 02	308 71	3,150 00	13,023 68

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS *of Grand Secretary for the fiscal year commencing September* 20, 1864, *and ending September* 1, 1865.

GRAND ENCAMPMENTS.	Cards.	Books.	Odes.	Miscellaneous.	Representative Tax.	Total.
Maryland	$25 00	.....	.....	.....	150 00	175 00
Pennsylvania	.....	99 00	.....	.....	150 00	249 00
Southern New York	.....	.....	.....	.....	75 00	75 00
Ohio	100 00	199 00	10 00	.....	150 00	459 00
Kentucky	.....	36 00	.....	.....	75 00	111 00
Connecticut	.....	.....	.....	.....	75 00	75 00
New Jersey	31 25	2 00	.....	72 cts.	75 00	108 97
Massachusetts	.....	.....	.....	.....	75 00	75 00
New Hampshire	.....	.....	.....	.....	75 00	75 00
District of Columbia	.....	3 00	.....	.....	.....	3 00
Delaware	.....	.....	.....	.....	75 00	75 00
Indiana	50 00	90 00	.....	.....	150 00	290 00
Michigan	.....	.....	.....	.....	75 00	75 00
Louisiana	.....	.....	.....	.....	75 00	75 00
Wisconsin	.....	.....	.....	.....	75 00	75 00
Rhode Island	.....	.....	.....	.....	75 00	75 00
Northern New York	3 00	10 00	.....	.....	75 00	88 00
Illinois	.....	.....	.....	.....	150 00	150 00
Iowa	.....	54 00	.....	.....	75 00	129 00
California	20 50	108 00	.....	.....	75 00	203 50
	$229 75	$601 00	$10 00	72 cts.	$1800 00	$2,641 47

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS—*Continued.*

	Charters.	Miscellaneous.	Odes.	Cards.	Dues.	Books.	Diplomas.	Total.
J. W. Orr, of New Jersey	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	85 00	.....	85 00
Jas. B. Davis, of Kansas	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	10 00	.....	10 00
D. Gilmore, of New York	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 00	.....	2 00
Isaac Tapping, of New York	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	18 00	.....	18 00
C. D. Cole, of Massachusetts	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	47 50	28 13	75 63
J. M. Causland, of Penn	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 00	.....	2 00
Jefferson Lodge, of Ohio	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 00	.....	2 00
White M't'n Lodge, of N. H	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 00	.....	2 00
Excelsior Lodge, of Mich	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 00	.....	2 00
W. L. Hylan, of West Virginia	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	37 50	.....	37 50
Winnipisiogee Lodge, of N. H	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 00	.....	2 00
W. O. Loflin, of Tennessee	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	16 00	4 50	20 50
J. Mearis, of Delaware	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 00	.....	2 00
Frontier Lodge, No. 3, Ark	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 00	.....	2 00
J. C. P. Ordway, of Tenn	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	14 00	.....	14 00
Franklin Lodge, of West Va.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	6 00	.....	6 00
Wm. Curtis, of Penn	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	37 50	218 75	256 25
John L. Perine, of R. I	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 00	.....	2 00
Greble Lodge, of Fort Monroe	30 00	25	3 00	9 75	78 68	4 00	.....	125 68
Liberty Lodge, of West Va	30 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	30 00
Hesperian En't, No. 2, Nebras	30 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	30 00
Rocky Mt'n Lodge, No. 2, Col.	30 00	75	.....	12 25	.....	2 00	.....	45 00
Utah Lodge, No. 1, U. T	30 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	30 00
Cash for old stereotype plates	.....	20 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	20 00
Vulcan Lodge, of Ohio	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	28 15	28 15
G. H. Helfrich, of Penn	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	56 26	56 26
B. C. True, of Ohio	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	28 13	28 13
Wm. Grestle, of Ohio	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	56 25	56 25
Wheeling Lodge, No. 5, W. Va	.....	.....	.....	14 50	.....	.....	.....	14 50
Polynesia Enc't, No. 1, Hono.	.....	57 65	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	57 65
Fort Smith Lodge, No. 3, Ark	.....	25	.....	4 75	.....	.....	.....	5 00
Concordia L'ge, No. 134, W. V	.....	12	.....	3 00	.....	.....	.....	3 12
Ridgely Encamp't, No. 1, Na.	.....	.....	.....	.....	3 25	.....	.....	3 25
Union Encamp't, No. 1. C. W.	.....	.....	.....	.....	9 20	.....	.....	9 20
Union Lodge, No. 1, Colorado	.....	.....	.....	.....	99 40	.....	.....	99 40
Minnesota Encamp't, No. 1	.....	.....	.....	.....	15 50	.....	.....	15 50
Delaware Encamp't, No. 1	.....	.....	.....	.....	20 86	.....	.....	20 86
McDonnel Encamp't, No. 2	.....	.....	.....	.....	9 27	.....	.....	9 27
Reynolds Encamp't, No. 3	.....	.....	.....	.....	7 89	.....	.....	7 89
Dover Encamp't, No. 5	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 45	.....	.....	2 45
Kirkwood Encamp't, No. 6	.....	.....	.....	.....	10 22	.....	.....	10 22
Union Encampment, No. 7	.....	.....	.....	.....	8 06	.....	.....	8 06
Wm. Tell L'ge, No. 33. W. Va.	.....	21	.....	9 00	.....	.....	.....	9 21
	150 00	79 23	3 00	53 25	264 78	295 50	420 17	1265 93

It will be perceived that the revenue of the year, inclusive of the first day of September, 1865, amounts to $16,931 08

The books show that there was due on that day and unpaid, but certainly payable during the session 2,485 05

Which makes an aggregate of $19,416 13

This is the entire revenue proper during the fiscal year arising from the specific sources of supply provided by law. This sum is the largest amount which the Grand Lodge has ever received for any one year since its organization, including the entire jurisdiction, when every State Grand Body was in compliance. The year which nearest approaches it is that of 1860, in which there was received $18,082.90. This highly gratifying state of finance is the most unmistakable evidence of the general prosperity of the Order, especially when the deranged con-

dition of the affairs of the whole country is considered. The report of the Grand Treasurer will present the details of revenue.

There has also been received in response to the circular directed to be issued by the Grand Secretary at the last session, for account of the Wildey Monument fund, the following contributions, to which there will yet be considerable additions:

WILDEY MONUMENT FUND.

Canada West	$ 18 00
New Jersey	393 25
Kentucky	285 95
Tennessee	754 85
Ohio	778 00
Iowa	142 30
Illinois	631 20
Southern New York	83 50
Indiana	450 90
Michigan	87 50
California	134 00
Massachusetts	170 50
Northern New York	70 00
Nebraska	18 75
Maryland	400 00
	$4,418 70

The promptitude with which this appeal was met by the Brotherhood, and the continued liberality displayed in behalf of this noble object, is a testimony to the high sense of appreciation and love cherished for the Order as enduring as the monument itself, and will form for the consideration of our posterity one of the brightest, purest, and most interesting pages in the records of our history. The report of the Wildey Monument Committee will supply the detail of finance and state of that fund.

The Corresponding Secretary has on this occasion presented a report unavoidably protracted, by reason of the special circumstances surrounding this annual communication, and the consequent variety of subjects suggested for the consideration of the Lodge. He would nevertheless add a word in giving expression to emotions of heart, growing out of these circumstances, which struggle for utterance. Information of the most reliable and soul-stirring character has been presented to you from every jurisdiction within our federation as an Order, without exception; this fact of itself is unprecedented in our history, and may be regarded as auspicious. Our beloved Institution lives, preserved and rescued from the desolation which has sundered and scattered into fragments every other organization of a national character, whether moral, religious, or secular; the reports from every quarter, however remote, greet us with messages of love and pledges of unextinguishable devotion to the unity and prosperity of the Order. From the eminent stand point which it is my province, by your favor, officially to occupy, the field lies as it were before me in perspective; its surface is dotted all over with colors of varied hue, which vie in interest and attraction; the scene grows in beauty as it advances upon the delighted vision, diffusing all around an electric glow, until at length the ideal culminates in the real, and the rescued genius of Odd-Fellowship, lifting its head above the conflict, looms pre-eminent in the foreground. There it stands no longer a myth, but the living Temple of Humanity, which, unaided and opposed, our hands builded upon a rock so firm as to assure to it an inherent life and power, which time nor trial hereafter may imperil. There it stands, towering heavenward in grandeur; the storms have beat around its base, the winds have howled their requiem through its granite fissures and archways; the tempest ocean of human passion has surged and tossed to its topmost peak; yet it stands and survives, and will survive. To-day come forth, like a mighty avalanche, her sons from

every hill and valley, from every mountain and every plain, from North and South, from East and West, from the uttermost limits of the nation's domain, as pilgrims to her sacred shrine. Here around her common altar the scattered tribes reunite; upon one broad and comprehensive platform congenial spirits meet, invoked by her divine voice of tolerance, "which gathers within its orbit antagonist natures, controls the elements of discord, stills the storms and soothes the spirit of passion, and directs in harmony man's united efforts to fraternize the world."

How fitting such an occasion for the outpouring of love and gratitude to Him who overrules and directs the counsels of men. Love that our cup overflows with joy, and gratitude, that whilst thousands mourn, our life, liberty and the spirit of fraternity yet survive.

When about to close this report the winged messenger, flashing across the mystic wires, startled me with the voice of death.

On the 4th day of September, 1865, P. G. Sire Robert B. Boylston, of South Carolina, so well known to you all, and so much beloved as your chief executive officer and brother, ceased to breathe on earth, and was translated from trial and suffering, from the deep waters of which he had but just emerged, to rest from his labors forever. My intimate and long continued personal relations with the deceased wholly unfit me to dwell upon his memory, for I loved him as I have only loved those nearest and dearest to me on earth. He first appeared on the floor of the Grand Lodge of the United States at the annual session of 1854, and he was returned to that body without intermission at every election in his Grand Lodge until his elevation to the office of M. W. Grand Sire at the memorable session in Nashville, in 1860. He at once entered with great energy upon his high office, but failed to meet the Grand Lodge during his term, or since, in consequence of the war. During that war, however, as I have already remarked in my report, his heart was ever true to the unity and prosperity of the Order, having often testified his love for it by repeated correspondence under flag of truce with the Corresponding Secretary. In the death of this distinguished brother the Order has lost one of its brightest stars, one of its ablest advocates and legislators, and one of the purest exemplars of its principles. A noble spirit has been summoned from our midst, in the flood tide of youth, whilst the dews of the morning of life were yet fresh and fragrant upon his brow. May the God of the widow and the orphan temper the storm gently to his loved ones on earth, and commend the pregnant warning to us all!

JAMES L. RIDGELY, *C. and R. Sec'y.*

Baltimore, September 18, 1865.

ANNUAL REPORT *of Grand and Subordinate Lodges to the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, for the year ending June* 30, 1865.

LODGES.	No. of Lodges.	No. of Initiations.	No. of rejections.	No. admitted by card.	No. withdrawn by card.	No. of reinstatements.	No. of suspensions.	No. of expulsions.
G. L. Maryland	80	834	114	45	67	142	316	4
G. L. Massachusetts ...	58	667	36	19	34	23	105	2
G. L. S. New York....	96	955	82	42	89	66	300	15
G. L. Pennsylvania....	475	6067	490	372	473	564	1499	46
G. L. Dis. of Columbia	13	371	15	21	30	26	52	4
G. L. Delaware	28	249	34	17	21	23	88	3
G. L. Ohio	325	2369	.....	353	402	337	889	49
G. L. Louisiana	33	183	23	29	28	28	113	22
G. L. New Jersey.....	72	637	.....	26	34	50	114	7
G. L. Kentucky.....	102	552	80	80	117	54	141	14
G. L. Virginia*.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
G. L. Indiana	204	2234	169	464	406	151	251	49
G. L. Mississippi*	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
G. L. Missouri.....	78	528	74	106	98	78	131	4
G. L. Illinois	261	1595	115	367	327	308	582	24
G. L. Connecticut.....	19	95	.....	4	8	2	17	.....
G. L. Texas*	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
G. L. Tennessee.....	25	126	26	28	8	39	77	60
G. L. South Carolina..	18	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
G. L. Alabama*	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
G. L. North Carolina*	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
G. L. Georgia	13	145	10	31	33	12	47	2
G. L. Maine	19	91	3	3	5	2	27	8
G. L. New Hampshire.	22	237	26	6	7	8	41	1
G. L. Michigan	50	494	104	55	78	43	107	12
G. L. Wisconsin	51	252	34	34	62	28	30	80
G. L. Vermont.....	5	14	.....	.....	2	2	20	1
G. L. Iowa	89	692	86	173	169	100	80	179
G. L. Arkansas*	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
G. L. Rhode Island....	11	70	1	2	1	9	9	.....
G. L. N. New York....	117	714	50	34	55	86	251	2
G. L. Florida*	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
G. L. Minnesota	8	48	.....	19	16	1	46	.....
G. L. California.....	123	836	140	216	330	116	393	20
G. L. L. Pr. B. N. A.*	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
G. L. Canada West....	14	155	12	7	16	5	140	2
G. L. Oregon	13	114	32	32	42	9	12	2
G. L. Nebraska.....	7	72	9	32	18	2	.....	3
G. L. Kansas..	9	65	10	14	15	7	12	1
G. L. Colorado.....	1	35	.....	15	7	.....	.....	.....
G. L. New Mexico	1	28	7	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Greble Lodge, No. 1..	1	43	.....	8	2	.....	....	.....
	2,441	21,617	1782	2,664	2,979	2,321	5,890	615

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ANNUAL REPORT *of Grand and Subordinate Lodges to the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, for the year ending June* 30, 1865.

LODGES.	No. of Deaths.	No. of Members.	No. of Brothers relieved.	No. of Widowed Families Relieved.	Amount paid for the Relief of Brothers.	Am't paid for the Relief of Widowed Families.
G. L. Maryland.....	158	10,782	2,760	197	$32,581 50	$20,910 30
G. L. Massachusetts..	65	4,998	326	160	8 646 64	2,655 13
G. L. S. New York..	98	7,335	1,154	366	22,727 13	6,152 51
G. L. Pennsylvania..	508	43,993	5,321	496	108,331 91	8,268 65
G. L. D. of Columbia	27	1,998	252	48	3,597 00	1,396 00
G. L. Delaware	23	1,889	208	38	3,299 00	282 12
G. L. Ohio	338	20,212	2,277	441	35,407 42	8,117 86
G. L. Louisiana.....	42	1,535	111	51	3,457 50	2,094 05
G. L. New Jersey.....	66	5,022	564	81	11,425 13	1,829 22
G. L. Kentucky.....	34	4,424	432	160	7.294 08	3,504 85
G. L. Virginia*.....	.....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....
G. L. Indiana	183	9,730	1,453	160	20,723 27	4,116 09
G. L. Mississippi*	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
G. L. Missouri.....	37	3,015	241	88	5,091 30	3,163 10
G. L. Illinois.....	115	8,553	511	128	7,339 75	2,698 94
G. L. Connecticut....	12	1,362	132	8	4,179 95	151 05
G. L. Texas*	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.. ..
G. L. Tennessee.....	27	1,037	.....	.....	883 00	1,266 80
G. L. South Carolina	18	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
G. L. Alabama*.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	....
G. L. N. Carolina*...	.....	.....	.....	.....	....	.....
G. L. Georgia	22	1,072	67	9	1,430 00	190 00
G. L. Maine...	15	1,180	87	9	2,569 00	193 00
G. L. New Hampshire	18	2,055	178	5	3.554 71	134 00
G. L. Michigan.....	49	2,869	97	35	1,705 20	557 00
G. L. Wisconsin	32	1,811	70	20	882 06	767 00
G. L. Vermont	.....	.....	.....	.....	408 00	.....
G. L. Iowa	33	3,602	164	34	2,078 31	620 00
G. L. Arkansas*.....	.....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....
G. L. Rhode Island..	7	534	32	12	904 76	179 25
G. L. N. New York..	72	5,337	348	70	6,806 44	1,638 62
G. L. Florida*.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
G. L. Minnesota.....	4	310	7	1	320 00	25 00
G. L. California	80	6,876	869	32	35,190 98	2,765 19
G. L. L. Pr. B. N. A.*	.....	.....	.....	.....	....	.....
G. L. Canada West..	7	539	31	7	346 98	415 00
G. L. Oregon	4	649	32	4	649 00	162 00
G. L. Nebraska	3	306	15	....	130 00	.....
G. L. Kansas	7	422	29	3	445 00	40 00
G. L. Colorado.....	.....	49	.....	....	.....	.....
G. L. New Mexico....	1	49	.....	.....	....	.....
Greble Lodge, No. 1.	.....	49	.....	....	.....	....
	2105	153,594	17,768	2,663	332,405 02	74,292 73

*No Report.

ANNUAL REPORT *of Grand and Subordinate Lodges to the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, for the year ending June* 30, 1865.

LODGES.	Amount paid for the education of orphans.	Amount paid for burying the dead.	Total relief.	Amount of the annual receipts.
G. L. Maryland.....	$2,692 81	$6,824 50	$63,009 11	$93,587 77
G. L. Massachusetts...	24 00	1,862 10	19,669 27	36,991 26
G. L. S. New York....	223 68	4,119 91	33,223 23	67,732 98
G. L. Pennsylvania ...	....	30,740 92	147,343 48	321,948 75
G. L. Dis. of Columbia	895 80	648 00	6,536 80	18,966 06
G. L. Delaware	254 14	1,117 50	4,952 76	11,601 12
G. L. Ohio	261 38	8,330 26	52,116 92	118,817 70
G. L. Louisiana.....	60 00	1,496 65	7,108 20	18,159 63
G. L. New Jersey	288 70	2,439 58	15,982 63	41,896 29
G. L. Kentucky.....	599 31	3,377 50	14,775 74	43,047 87
G. L. Virginia*.....	....	....	.....	.....
G. L. Indiana	3,443 74	6,006 25	34,289 35	121,695 59
G. L. Mississippi*	....	.....	....	.....
G. L. Missouri	2,038 60	1,314 75	11,607 75	28,386 65
G. L. Illinois..	214 75	2,384 21	12,637 65	63,620 54
G. L. Connecticut.....	63 72	477 00	4,889 72	11,318 62
G. L. Texas*	....	.....	.....	.....
G. L. Tennessee	....	665 00	2,814 80	6,623 40
G. L. South Carolina*	....	....	....	.....
G. L. Alabama*.....	....	.....	.....	.....
G. L. North Carolina*	....	.....	.....	.....
G. L. Georgia	40 00	655 00	2,315 00	7,018 00
G. L. Maine.....	....	208 00	3,010 00	5,248 00
G. L. New Hampshire.	....	697 62	4,386 33	10,362 30
G. L. Michigan	88 50	505 00	2,855 70	15,061 26
G. L. Wisconsin.....	193 75	526 00	2,368 81	7,798 19
G. L. Vermont	....	.....	408 00	.....
G. L. Iowa.....	39 00	725 00	3,462 31	23,063 86
G. L. Arkansas*	....	.....	.....	.....
G. L. Rhode Island....	5 00	190 00	1,279 01	5,080 08
G. L. N. New York ...	94 00	1,853 69	10,393 75	28,361 10
G. L. Florida*.....	....	.....	.....	.....
G. L. Minnesota	41 90	.....	387 65	2,131 93
G. L. California	132 70	5,364 79	43,453 66	166,150 66
G. L. L. Pr. B. N. A.*	....	.....	.....	.....
G. L. Canada West....	....	65 00	826 98	4,165 41
G. L. Oregon.....	....	295 00	1,106 00	14,735 00
G. L. Nebraska	....	111 85	241 85	2,321 78
G. L. Kansas	....	160 00	645 00	3,826 71
G. L. Colorado	....	....	.....	994 10
G. L. New Mexico.....	....	.....	....	1,289 90
Greble Lodge, No. 1...	....	.....	.....	986 75
	$11,695 48	$83,861 08	$507,957 46	$1,302,989 26

*No Report.

ANNUAL REPORT *of Grand and Subordinate Encampments to the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, for the year ending June* 30, 1865.

ENCAMPMENTS.	No. of Encampments.	No. of initiations.	No. of rejections.	No. admitted by card.	No. withdrawn by card.	No. of reinstatements.	No. of suspensions.	No. of expulsions.	No. of deaths.	No. of members.	No. of members relieved.	No. of widowed families relieved.
G. E. Maryland.....	10	110	4	...	3	14	40	...	22	1,296	229	21
G. E. Pennsylvania....	79	532	14	41	53	37	117	5	69	4,947	731	35
G. E. S. New York....	10	158	2	5	4	13	14	...	7	586	27	2
G. E. Ohio	68	422	17	49	70	43	195	198	60	3,887	467	7
G. E. Kentucky....	21	149	8	13	14	6	14	3	10	926	107	13
G. E. Virginia*.....	...	.....	...	...	...	...	.....	...	...	.....	.....	...
G. E. Connecticut	6	39	...	...	...	...	.....	...	2	287	18	...
G. E. New Jersey.....	14	127	1	2	12	8	10	...	4	602	36	3
G. E. South Carolina..	4	2	...	..	...	...	.....	...	1	24	2	2
G. E. Massachusetts ...	12	206	4	10	13	2	22	1	8	968	55	4
G. E. Maine.....	5	9	...	1	...	...	1	...	...	187	7	...
G. E. New Hampshire.	6	86	5	...	1	2	9	1	1	467	29	1
G. E. Missouri.....	20	140	...	9	13	16	40	...	6	621	6	...
G. E. Dis. of Columbia	4	129	1	2	1	1	5	1	9	531	52	...
G. E. Georgia*	...	.....	...	...	...	..	.....	...	...	.....	.....	..
G. E. North Carolina*	...	.....	...	...	...	...	.....	...	...	.....	.....	...
G. E. Indiana	60	383	2	22	48	34	28	2	43	1,832	257	5
G. E. Michigan	7	14	3	1	3	4	3	...	1	252	1	...
G. E. Tennessee.....	4	45	2	3	2	..	11	1	4	226	13	..
G. E. Mississippi*	...	.....	...	...	...	...	.....	...	...	.....	.....	...
G. E. Louisiana	4	16	...	10	3	4	.....	...	1	156	6	...
G. E. Alabama*.....	...	.....	...	...	...	...	.....	...	...	.....	.....	...
G. E. Delaware	7	15	2	1	...	2	.....	...	2	160	7	...
G. E. Wisconsin	10	103	2	3	1	2	2	...	2	279	.....	...
G. E. Rhode Island....	6	12	...	...	...	...	6	..	2	162	3	...
G. E. N. New York....	21	131	7	3	7	19	46	...	11	764	20	2
G. E. Illinois	43	278	7	16	45	40	51	11	4	1,376	37	6
G. E. Iowa	18	131	2	18	31	8	3	...	4	472	14	1
G. E. Texas*	...	.....	...	...	...	..	.....	...	...	.....	.....	...
G. E. California	26	164	10	44	33	8	45	...	8	604	39	3
G. E. Vermont.....	2	.....	...	...	...	...	.....	...	...	.....	.....	...
G. E. Minnesota	1	4	...	1	1	...	.....	...	2	30	.....	...
G. E. Nebraska	2	.....	...	...	...	...	.....	...	...	.....	.....	...
	470	3405	93	254	358	263	662	223	283	21,632	2163	103

*No Report.

ANNUAL REPORT *of Grand and Subordinate Encampments to the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, for the year ending June* 30, 1865.

ENCAMPMENTS.	Amount Paid for the Relief of Members.	Amount Paid for the Relief of Widowed Families.	Amount Paid for the Education of Orphans.	Amount Paid for Burying the Dead.	Total Relief.	Amount of Annual Receipts.
G. E. Maryland	4,588 00	2,042 85	.....	955 00	7,585 85	9,708 91
G. E. Pennsylvania..	13,606 55	571 31	.....	3,249 75	17,427 61	33,861 08
G. E. S. New York..	651 00	80 00	.....	250 00	981 00	3,075 59
G. E. Ohio	8,355 45	115 00	.....	810 35	9,250 80	22,755 47
G. E. Kentucky.....	1,105 50	185 00	23 40	192 20	1,506 10	4,594 40
G. E. Virginia*.....	.....	.....	....	.....	.....	.....
G. E. Connecticut ...	230 00	.....	.....	15 00	245 00	895 10
G. E. New Jersey	295 00	35 00	.....	60 00	390 00	2,049 23
G. E. South Coroline	14 00	.....	.....	20 00	34 00	184 00
G. E. Massachusetts .	1,482 00	115 00	.....	220 00	3,945 15	5.677 19
G. E. Maine.....	200 00	.....	.....	.....	200 00	500 00
G. E. New Hampshire	274 57	25 00	.....	.....	299 57	774 50
G. E. Missouri.....	267 00	.....	....	.....	267 00	2.432 10
G. E. D. of Columbia	507 00	.....	.....	240 00	747 00	2,654 16
G. E. Georgia*.....	....	.....	....	.....	.....	.....
G. E. North Carolina*	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
G. E. Indiana	2,930 62	153 25	....	840 00	3,923 87	12,048 73
G. E. Michigan	-20 00	.....	.....	.....	20 00	630 24
G. E. Tennessee.....	346 35	.....	.....	120 00	466 35	2,200 00
G. E. Mississippi*	.....	.....	.....	....	.....	.....
G. E. Louisiana.....	82 50	.....	....	.....	82 50	1,275 71
G. E. Alabama*.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
G. E. Delaware	178 71	.....	.....	60 00	238 71	561 71
G. E. Wisconsin.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	615 17
G. E. Rhode Island..	32 50	.....	.....	....	32 50	762 91
G. E. N. New York..	355 00	30 05	.....	75 00	460 05	2,662 87
G. E. Illinois	248 50	70 25	.....	75 00	393 75	4,160 41
G. E. Iowa.....	121 50	2 00	.....	.....	123 50	1,924 23
G. E. Texas*	....	... .	.....	.....	.....	.....
G. E. California.....	1,014 52	65 00	.....	110 40	1,189 92	11,015 64
G. E. Vermont.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
G. E. Minnesota	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	83 96
G. E. Nebraska	.....	.....	....	.....	.....	.....
	36,892 41	3,489 71	23 40	7,292 71	49,810 13	127,103 31

*No Report.

Papers Accompanying M. W. Grand Sire's Report.

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PROCLAMATION OF THE GRAND SIRE.

I. O. O. F.

[SEAL.] OFFICE OF THE GRAND SIRE
R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States.

To all Whom it may Concern:

I, ISAAC M. VEITCH, M. W. Grand Sire of the Grand Lodge of the I. O. O. F. of the United States of America, and the Jurisdiction thereunto belonging, send greeting:

Whereas the Wildey Monument Committee have reported to me that the work committed to their charge will be fully completed and ready for formal presentation to the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States at its September session, 1865; and whereas it is proper and fitting that the occasion of such presentation, as a memorable event in the history of the Order, should be signalized by a general public demonstration of the Fraternity, I have therefore, and do by these presents, proclaim and make known that I have constituted and appointed said Wildey Monument Committee to inaugurate such plan of proceeding as in their judgment may be appropriate for assembling in the city of Baltimore, and State of Maryland, on the 20th day of September, 1865, the Brotherhood at large, with a view to a public procession and such other ceremonies as may be suited to so an interesting occasion; and I hereby direct that the detail of proceedings arranged by said committee for said celebration be made public to the Order, and that circulars be issued inviting the presence and co-operation of the several Grand Bodies within this jurisdiction and their Subordinates, at the earliest period practicable.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the Grand Lodge of the I. O. O. F. of the United States of North America to be affixed, at the city of Baltimore, this 12th day of May, 1865, and of our Order the 47th.

ISAAC M. VEITCH, *Grand Sire.*

JAS. L. RIDGELY, *G. C. and R. Secretary.*

Independent Order of Odd-Fellows.

PROCLAMATION BY THE MOST WORTHY GRAND SIRE.

[SEAL.] TO ALL WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME—GREETING.

Whereas, owing to causes which no longer prevail, several jurisdictions subordinate to the Right Worthy Grand Lodge of the United States have, during the past four years, been unrepresented in the Parent Body; and whereas some difficulty is supposed to exist as to the manner of returning Representatives to the Grand Lodge of the United States from such jurisdictions; therefore, to the

end that all difficulty may be removed, and the way be made open and free for a prompt restoration to entire affiliation with the brotherhood under the supreme Head of the Order: I, ISAAC M. VEITCH, Most Worthy Grand Sire of the Grand Lodge of the United States, and of the jurisdiction of the Order thereunto belonging, do hereby, by this my proclamation to the fraternity at large, declare the unbroken unity of the Order, and, by virtue of the sovereignty residing in the Grand Lodge of the United States, proclaim and make known that there exists no hindrance to the re-establishment of the fraternal relations that formerly existed between all the jurisdictions subordinate to the Grand Lodge of the United States; and that every act or declaration of any kind whatsoever, if any should have been made, intended to impair the supreme authority of the Grand Lodge of the United States over the whole fraternity is hereby declared to be null and void, and of no force or effect whatever.

And I do hereby earnestly and fraternally invite and exhort all Grand Lodges or Grand Encampments, in such jurisdictions in which the Order may have become disorganized, to reassemble according to the forms prescribed by their respective charters and constitutions, and proceed with the work of organization, and the election of duly qualified Representatives to the Grand Lodge of the United States, which will convene in the city of Baltimore, in the State of Maryland, on the third Monday in September, 1865.

In the hope that our brotherhood may come forth from the severe ordeal to which it has been subjected unscathed and reinvigorated by its trials, and that its great heart may ever vibrate in unison with the teachings of Charity, I await with confidence a prompt and cordial response from every jurisdiction, assuring all who accept this affectionate invitation that a fraternal greeting awaits them upon the occasion of our Grand Annual Communication.

Done at the city of St. Louis, in the State of Missouri, on the twenty-fourth day of May, Anno Domini, eighteen hundred and sixty-five, of the Republic the eighty-ninth, and of our beloved Order, the forty-seventh.

ISAAC M. VEITCH, *Grand Sire.*

JAS. L. RIDGELY, *Cor. and Rec. Sec.*

Papers Accompanying R. W. G. Secretary's Report.

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PATRIARCHAL ORDER IN DELAWARE.

I. O. O. F.

OFFICE OF DIST. DEP. GRAND SIRE OF DELAWARE,
Wilmington, June 29, 1865.

To JAS. L. RIDGELY, ESQ., *R. W. G. Cor. and Rec. Sec.*

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER: I beg to submit herewith my final report to you, as D. D. Grand Sire of this jurisdiction. This duty would have been performed at an earlier day had not an affection of my left eye deprived me, for some time, of the privilege of reading or writing. Even now, I am not permitted to use my eye for any considerable length of time, except at the risk of injury to it. Hence I must be brief in this report.

Herewith you will find reports from every Subordinate Encampment in this jurisdiction except one—Sussex, No. 4, which has not been working since July, 1860—and also my check for the amount of the per centage due the Grand Lodge of the United States, to wit:

Delaware Encampment,	No.	1		$20 86
McDonnell	"	"	2	9 27
Reynolds	"	"	3	7 89
Sussex	"	"	4—(defunct)	
Dover	"	"	5	2 43
Kirkwood	"	"	6, (1 year)	10 22
Union	"	"	7, (8 months)	8 06
				$58 75

These reports are all up to December 31, 1864, and I believe are in due form.

As you are aware, the Grand Encampment of Delaware made application for a restoration of its charter last winter, through its several Subordinates; and agreeably to warrant issued from the Grand Sire, I formally and legally delivered the charter and effects to the said Grand Body on the 22d of March last. I also ordered an election of officers, and duly installed them into office; made official proclamation of the legal restoration and existence of the said Grand Encampment of Delaware, and surrendered into its keeping the powers and duties which had previously devolved upon me as D. D. Grand Sire. From that period my official functions ceased, and the Grand Lodge of the United States will have the satisfaction of welcoming again to a seat upon its floor a Representative of the Grand Encampment of Delaware.

Since Dec. 2, 1858, I have had the honor of superintending the affairs of the Patriarchal branch of the Order in this jurisdiction; whether satisfactorily or not, remains for those higher in authority to say. I have *tried* to do my whole duty to my brethren of the State impartially, and for the best interests of the Order, and I trust my efforts have not been wholly in vain. If I have failed, however, it certainly cannot be attributed to any lack of personal interests in the Order, for since the expiration of my term of service as Grand Representative to the Grand Lodge of the United States from this State, in 1857, I have, for the purpose of perfecting myself in a knowledge of the work, attended every session of the National Grand Body—except that held at Nashville—at my own private expense, and, while I can be of service in that way to my jurisdiction, I hope to continue to do so as long as health and circumstauces will permit me.

It affords me pleasure to state that Odd-Fellowship steadily progresses in Delaware. Notwithstanding the rebellion, unsettled to a great extent the social and political relations of the Country, for nearly four years, yet our beloved

Order in this jurisdiction (as in others) stands firm, united, harmonious, unscathed by war, unbroken by the distractions of parties or the divisions of sections.

And now, dear sir, in closing my last official report to you, permit me to thank you—and those connected with your department—for the many evidences of kindness and attention I have received during the six years of my official intercourse with your office. I shall always recur to the duties I have performed, in the capacity of D. D. Grand Sire, with pleasure; and will never forget the many delightful hours spent in fraternal association with the Grand Lodge of the United States and its officers.

Fraternally yours,
HENRY ECKEL, *D. D. Grand Sire.*

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PRESENTATION TO HARVARD UNIVERSITY.

I. O. O. F.

OFFICE C. AND R. SEC. R. W. G. L. U. S.,
Baltimore, November 12th, 1864.

WM. ELLISON, *P. G. Sire.*

MY DEAR SIR AND BROTHER: I have the honor and the pleasure of forwarding to you by express a package comprising the Journals of the Grand Lodge of the United States, the Index, and Digest, and the Covenant for the years 1842, 1843, 1844, in all eight bound volumes; the same being by resolution of the Grand Lodge of the United States passed at September session, 1864, a presentation from that R. W. Grand Body to the Library of Harvard University. This presentation was made at your suggestion and upon your motion, and for that reason, in addition to your distinguished position in the Order, and your long and valued service and labors for its welfare, I thought it most appropriate and fitting that you should be the representative of the Grand Lodge in making the presentation. I trust that you will esteem it a pleasure to execute this office, on behalf of the Grand Lodge, at such time and in such manner as you may deem proper. Be pleased to advise me of the safe arrival of the package and your proceedings in the premises.

With sincere regard, your brother in F., L. & T.
JAMES L. RIDGELY, *C. S.*

ROXBURY, February 12, 1865.

MY DEAR RIDGELY: Enclosed please find a copy of my letter to President Hill, of Harvard University, and his reply to the same. They express themselves much gratified with the gift, and were also much delighted with the visit of the Grand Lodge in September last. You will notice they solicit a continuance of our Journals. Trusting that the mission of the Grand Lodge of the United States has been faithfully discharged.

I remain, as ever, fraternally yours,
WM. ELLISON, *Past Grand Sire.*

ROXBURY, MASS., February 1st, 1865.

REV. THOMAS HILL, D. D., *President of Harvard University.*

DEAR SIR: At a session of the Grand Lodge of the United States, Independent Order of Odd-Fellows, held in Boston in September last, the following resolution was adopted, (resolution was copied and referred to, see Journal, page 3713.) In pursuance of that resolution, the Grand Secretary has forwarded to my care from Baltimore, a box containing the Journals of that Body from its organization in this country, up to and including the session of September last, and other documents connected with its history. I have the pleasure of acting as the agent of the Grand Lodge in transmitting these documents to your ancient and time honored institution. It was during the session of the aforesaid Body in Septem-

ber last, that a visit was made by them to the University under your charge, and the Representatives from twenty-five States and Territories of our Federal Union were highly gratified with the attention shown them in their brief but very pleasant visit. Many of them from distant States had never before had the honor of standing upon that classic ground, and of refreshing their memories with its historic and world wide renown. Be pleased to accept my best wishes for the continued prosperity of the University, and my highest regards for yourself.

Very truly and fraternally yours,

WM. ELLISON,

For the Grand Lodge of the U. S., I. O. O. F.

The Corporation of Harvard College have received, through Wm. Ellison of Roxbury, Past Grand Sire, "The Covenant," vols. 1, 2, 3, "Journal of Proceedings," vols. 1—4 and September number, with "Index" and "Digest," of the "Independent Order of Odd-Fellows," a gift to the Library of the University from the "Order," through the Grand Secretary, for which they return a grateful acknowledgment.

THOMAS HILL, *President.*

Harvard College, Cambridge, 1865, Feb. 3.

Placed in the Library.

JOHN LANGDON SIBLEY, *Librarian.*

We are much gratified that we have been so favorably remembered by the Grand Lodge, and you may be assured that the visit from them was particularly gratifying to us. We shall be very happy to place among our treasures any publications which may be forwarded to us.

PRESENTATION TO YALE COLLEGE.

I. O. O. F.

Office Cor. and Rec. Sec. R. W. Grand Lodge U. S.,
Baltimore, November 12, 1864.

Lucius A. Thomas, Esq., *R. W. Grand Sec. G. Lodge of Connecticut.*

My Dear Sir and Bro.: By direction of resolution passed at the September session, 1864, of the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, page 80, daily Journal, "a copy of the Journal of that Grand Body from its commencement" is required "to be sent to the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Connecticut, to be placed in the Library of Yale College, at New Haven, Connecticut." I have, in conformity with the resolution, great pleasure in being the instrument of the Grand Lodge of the United States in carrying this order into effect, and have this day forwarded by express to you, at New Haven, five bound volumes, comprising the entire Journals of that Body, with the Index and Digest of the same. I have also, although not authorized by the resolution so to do, felt it to be my duty to add to the package three bound volumes of the Covenant, a monthly periodical devoted to the cause of Odd-Fellowship, published under the patronage and by authority of the Grand Lodge, in the years 1842, 1843, 1844. This latter presentation has been made for the reason that it is believed that such was the intention of the resolution, in view of the fact that a corresponding resolution in relation to Harvard University, in Massachusetts, was passed contemporaneously with the resolution in relation to Yale College, and by which copies of such other publications in addition to the Journal, relating to the history and progress of our institution, as may be in the possession of the Grand Lodge, were directed to be presented to the Library of Harvard University. Be so good as to give to the package, when received, its proper destination and advise me accordingly. Yours, respectfully,

JAS. L. RIDGELY, *Grand Secretary.*

I. O. O. F.

GRAND LODGE OF CONNECTICUT,
New Haven, December 14th, 1864.

JAMES L. RIDGELY, ESQ.,
R. W. G. Sec. G. Lodge of U. S., Baltimore, Md.

MY DEAR SIR AND BRO.: Yours of the 6th duly reached me, but I have delayed answering it until I could send you the acknowledgment of the corporation of Yale College, which I have the pleasure of doing herewith. I have watched with no little interest the effect of this presentation, and fully agree with you that the step is of great importance to the Order. Among the staid and reverend denizens of this ancient institution, there are many, and these among the dignitaries, whose only idea of secret societies is that of persons associating for deeds that shun the light, and whose doings are shrouded in impenetrable darkness. Very many have looked with admiration upon these beautiful volumes as they lay on the Librarian's table, and prompted by curiosity, have opened and turned their leaves, expecting some strange developments, and after a slight inspection have expressed surprise; first, that apparently the whole transactions of a professed secret society should be spread before them for inspection, and second, that there should exist in the country, and almost unknown, a benevolent institution occupying so large a field, and occupying it so systematically. Thus have new and more enlarged views been diffused, and a juster estimate of our noble institution has taken the place of prejudice in the brief space that has already passed since the reception. We need to be wider known to be better appreciated.

But it is not only a laudable ambition, but a duty, to desire that our history should go down with the history of our country, to be "remembered with our land's language," and how better can we do it than by placing it in those institutions whose purpose it is to gather up the mental wealth, past and present, to send down to store the minds of the future. I feel greatly honored in being made the medium of this presentation.

Very truly,
LUCIUS A. THOMAS, *Grand Secretary.*

YALE COLLEGE LIBRARY, NEW HAVEN, Dec. 1864.

SIR: The Corporation of Yale College hereby acknowledge the reception, through the courtesy of Dr. LUCIUS A. THOMAS, of a copy of the "Journal of the Grand Lodge of the United States, I. O. O. F.," (4 vols. 8vo., Baltimore, 1863,) and also of a copy of "the Covenant," a monthly periodical, (3 vols. 8vo., 1842—4,) and they hereby return their grateful acknowledgments to the Grand Lodge for this donation to the College Library.

THEODORE D. WOOLSEY,
President of Yale College.
DANIEL C. GILMAN, *Librarian.*

To J. L. RIDGELY, ESQ.,
Grand Cor. and Rec. Sec. I. O. O. F.

YALE COLLEGE, NEW HAVEN, December 13, 1864.

MY DEAR SIR: In addition to the official acknowledgments which I here enclose, allow me to express our appreciation of the handsome manner in which your gift was made. I kept the volumes on my table till I was afraid they might suffer some injury, and the beauty of their binding attracted general admiration. The series will be a valuable addition to our alcove of American history.

Very respectfully, yours, D. C. GILMAN.

WILDEY MONUMENT CIRCULAR.

I. O. O. F.

OFFICE OF COR. AND REC. SEC. G. L. U. S.
Baltimore, January 1, 1865.

To the M. W. Grand.....of the R. W. G.....of.....

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER: At the September session, 1864, of the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, held at the city of Boston, State of Massachusetts, it was, among other proceedings, "Resolved, That the R. W. G. Corresponding and Recording Secretary be requested to address a circular letter to the several Jurisdictions, as soon after the adjournment of the Grand Lodge as practicable, inviting their attention to the deficiency in means for the construction of the Wildey Monument, and earnestly requesting them to make such further contributions as will enable the Committee to have the structure completed with as little delay as possible."

In obedience to this resolution, the Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary takes occasion, very respectfully, to submit the subject to the M. W. G. of , and to invite his cordial and earnest co-operation in carrying out the wish of the Grand Lodge of the United States, indicated in the proceeding above recited.

In order that the Executive of the several State jurisdictions may be enabled to present this important subject intelligibly to the consideration and favor of the brotherhood, a brief summary is subjoined, showing the legislation by which the Wildey Monument has been authorized; a general statement of the amount already contributed and from whence, the progress which has been made in the furtherance of the object, a description of the site upon which it is proposed to erect the work, the agency to which its construction has been committed, and the probable sum which will yet be required to complete it. Accompanying this circular you will also receive a beautiful print representing the character and design of the Monument, which has been produced by the liberality of Brother J. W. Orr, the worthy editor and proprietor of the American Odd-Fellow, a sufficient number of which is sent to enable you to supply one copy to each Subordinate within your jurisdiction.

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WILDEY MONUMENT.

LEGISLATION AUTHORIZING IT.

At the September session, 1862, of the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, Rep. Ellis, of Maryland, submitted a proceeding of the Grand Lodge of that State, instructing her Representatives to bring before the supreme Grand Lodge the subject "of the fitness, propriety and justice of the erection of such a monument to the memory of P. G. Sire Wildey, as shall be alike worthy of his eminent character as the Founder of Odd-Fellowship, and becoming the supreme legislative head of the Order, over whose deliberations he had so long and so ably presided; and in furtherance of the object that the co-operation of all sister jurisdictions be invited, to the end that the offering may be the spontaneous and united tribute of the brotherhood at large."

This proceeding was referred to a special committee of one Representative from each jurisdiction. That committee reported a series of resolutions responsive to the suggestions of the Grand Lodge of Maryland, endorsing and reciprocating the sentiments expressed by that body in the premises, and assuming the initial in the proposed measure. Accordingly the mode of procedure for raising the Wildey Monument fund was indicated, viz: by the voluntary contributions of Lodges, Encampments and individual brothers, and the faith of the Grand Lodge of the United States was solemnly pledged that no debt should be incurred whatever beyond such contributions. A committee was appointed to whose management and superintendence the details of design were submitted, with power to receive proposals for the work, and with instructions to report at the next session

of the Grand Lodge, for the approval and further action of that body; contemporaneously with which the Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary was directed to make, on behalf of the Grand Lodge of the United States, a suitable appeal to the State jurisdictions for the means required to accomplish the object. This appeal was made by the undersigned by circular addressed to the Grand Masters and Grand Patriarchs of the several jurisdictions, to which the most liberal responses have been made, evincing the general appreciation of the measure, and the earnest effort which the object has justly awakened throughout the whole brotherhood. The contributions received up to the first day of January, 1865, are as follows:

WILDEY MONUMENT FUND.

Tennessee	$ 214 75
Michigan	302 66
Kansas	55 00
Kentucky	480 80
New Jersey	63 50
Indiana	603 20
Maine	71 50
California	2,990 00
Illinois	493 00
Missouri	475 00
Pennsylvania	1,573 85
Canada	83 75
District of Columbia	251 90
Southern New York	270 00
New Hampshire	87 00
Ohio	1,489 75
Iowa	279 05
Connecticut	196 00
Delaware	216 35
Maryland	1,067 90
Massachusetts	187 10
Nebraska	5 00
Minnesota	24 35
Total	$11,473 03

This amount has been increased by interest received upon the fund invested, and at this time the aggregate sum approximates twelve thousand dollars.

THE FUND, HOW INVESTED.

By resolutions adopted at the sessions of 1863 and 1864, the fund is securely invested in the bonds of the United States Government, in the corporate name of the Grand Lodge of the United States.

PROGRESS MADE.

At the September session, 1864, the committee reported the adoption of a design for the Monument, and submitted the same with drawings and detailed explanations by the artist, J. Durang, Esq., of Philadelphia. The report set forth the inability of the committee to secure the site upon which they had hoped to erect the memorial, within the boundaries of the magnificient public grounds of the city of Baltimore known as "Druid Hill Park," in consequence of an irreconcileable difference between the committee and the commissioners of the Park, having reference to the character of the design adopted. It also suggested that the committee had approved and accepted the bid of Messrs. Tarr & Bevan, of Philadelphia, for the performance of the work, but was not able to enter into a contract by reason of a deficiency of funds. This deficiency was stated to be about two thousand dollars, and authority was asked to renew the appeal to the brotherhood to supply additional funds, and in the meanwhile, in the confident

expectation that this second appeal would be cordially met by the Order, the committee asked, without further delay, to be empowered to conclude a contract for the erection of the Monument.

The Grand Lodge, with great unanimity, adopted the report, and passed resolutions responsive to the requests of the committee.

After the adjournment of the Grand Lodge, the committee met and ordered, first, that a sub-committee, consisting of members resident of Philadelphia, be authorized to enter into the contract with Messrs. Tarr & Bevan, of that city; and secondly, that a sub-committee, consisting of members, resident of Baltimore, be requested to obtain a suitable site within the limits of said city at the earliest period practicable. It is gratifying to state that both of these sub-committees promptly entered upon the respective duties assigned to them; and have fully performed them; the contract for the Monument having been concluded, and the site upon which it will be erected having been obtained.

SITE OF THE MONUMENT.

Upon the application of the sub-committee, resident in Baltimore, the Mayor and City Council, at the present annual session, January, 1865, by resolution unanimously adopted, authorized the erection of the monument on perhaps the most elegible spot for the object within the limits of that city. This site is located on North Broadway, the most spacious avenue of the city, having a width from curb to curb of one hundred and twenty feet. The column will be placed upon the apex of a gentle slope of this avenue, which is at an elevation of nearly a hundred feet above tide water, and distant about two hundred yards from East Baltimore street. Rising from this level the shaft of the monument will lift its head to the skies fifty-one feet above its base, and may be distinctly seen from every part of the city, and from many of its approaches by land or water.

AGENCY TO WHICH THE WORK IS COMMITTED.

As has been already stated, a committee consisting of the Grand Sire, Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary, Grand Treasurer, and five Grand Representatives, was appointed, to whose management and supervision this noble work was entrusted. Upon the organization of that committee the M. W. G. Sire, JAMES B. NICHOLSON, was chosen chairman, and G. Rep. JOSEPH B. ESCAVAILLE, of Maryland, was appointed secretary. Several vacancies having transpired among the Representatives on the committee, their places have been supplied, and the committee now consists of the following members:

JAMES B. NICHOLSON, of Pa., P. G. Sire, Chairman.
JOS. B. ESCAVAILLE, of Md., G. Rep., Secretary.
JOSHUA VANSANT, of Md., G. Treasurer, Treasurer.
JOHN W. STOKES, of Pa., G. Rep.
THEODORE A. ROSS, of Del., G. Rep.
JOHN F. HAVENNER, of Dis. of Col., G. Rep.
A. H. RANSOM, of Ky., G. Rep.
JAMES L. RIDGELY, of Md., G. C. and R. Secretary.

AMOUNT REQUIRED TO BE YET CONTRIBUTED.

The committee, at the session of 1864, estimated the deficiency at about two thousand five hundred dollars, but this amount applies only to the construction of the monument proper. There will be a yet larger sum required to enclose the work by a substantial and appropriate iron rail, with granite base, the cost of which cannot now be estimated, depending as it will entirely upon the weight of material employed and the style of workmanship; and it is believed that it would also be wise to comprehend within the amount to be now contributed a reasonable sum, to be invested in proper securities, the annual interest arising from which should be applied to the preservation of the work and its enclosure. This, however, is merely suggestive, as it did not form any part of the instruction given by the Grand Lodge to the undersigned.

IDEA AND MORAL OF THE MONUMENT.

The impelling motive which suggested this memorial was the profound sense of gratitude which swelled the heart of the brotherhood, in the retrospect of the early and long continued, perfectly disinterested, and successful labors of the Founder of Odd-Fellowship on this continent; in the contemplation of the precious fruits which these labors have assured, not only to his posterity in the Order, but to society at large: and the just desire to transmit for the inspiration and emulation of those to whom our noble institution shall be committed in future ages, the bright example of a pure philanthropist and public benefactor. But great, and praiseworthy, and honorable as was this salient idea in the mind which conceived the project, it by no means supplies the entire moral of that conception. There is yet another and kindred consideration which justly enters into the merit of the Wildey Monument. Whilst the structure lifts its stately column in enduring form, to memorize the life and character of the Founder of Odd-Fellowship, it inseparably blends with this idea and identifies the great institution itself, and consecrates its labors and its rewards to the affections of the good and the wise. As the fruitful earth, decked in season with garlands of beauty, and crowned with the golden harvest, which quivers in the gentle summer breeze like a sea of glory, borrows this lovely garniture from light and heat, and in return hymns its praise of homage to the great orb of day, from which it derives the enchantment and sublimity and grandeur of its varied scenes: so will the honor paid to the memory of Bro. WILDEY, testified by the enduring column which our affection will rear and transmit, reflect upon us, by whom it was projected and consummated, a corresponding lustre and renown. This monument is, therefore, not exclusively commemorative of THOMAS WILDEY, but is likewise historical of the founding of Odd-Fellowship itself, and of its splendid career of success, amid trials and conflicts of more than ordinary experience. It tests the capacity of man to vindicate his original and better nature, in the elevation of his character, in the broad spirit of humanity and fraternity, which it symbolizes, and by the countless acts of benevolence and love which it ever suggests, more and more strengthens the tie that binds us in a common brotherhood. Nor is this all: the history of the past will not make up the entire record which this column will embody: it will speak to ages all along the yet undiscovered future of the present actors upon the stage, and will recount of you, whose gratitude and liberality has essayed to rescue the memory of the departed Patriarch from oblivion, that you are worthy sons and descendants of a noble sire, and will thus embalm your fame with his, to be revered by our posterity in the Order for all time to come.

CONCLUSION.

The Corresponding and Recording Secretary, having presented this detail in connexion with the subject of the proposed Wildey Monument, feels that the duty enjoined upon him by the resolution of the Grand Lodge of the United States has been, however imperfectly, discharged to the best of his ability, and he now commits the matter to the several State Jurisdictions, with confidence that the instinctive pride of every Odd-Fellow and the love which he bears for the Order will, without further incentive, enlist his active co-operation for the success of this noble enterprise. Fraternally, yours, JAS. L. RIDEGLY,

Corresponding and Recording Secretary.

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SITE OF THE WILDEY MONUMENT.

MEMORIAL TO THE HONORABLE THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE.

The undersigned, by authority of a committee appointed by the Grand Lodge of the United States of the Independent Order of Odd-Fellows for the purpose of selecting a proper site upon which to erect a monument commemorative of the founding of the Order of Odd-Fellows on this continent, on the 26th day of April, 1819, in the city of Baltimore, ask leave very respectfully to represent:

That soon after the death of Mr. WILDEY, which took place on the 19th day of October, 1861, the legislative head of the Order, composed of Representatives from all the States and Territories then in the Union, and from British North America, in order to carry this object into effect, set on foot a subscription among the membership at large, from which the sum of fifteen thousand dollars has been paid in, and a larger amount is expected, rendering it certain that not less than twenty thousand dollars will be realized. That no particular place for the erection of the contemplated monument was designated, but the location of the site and the entire superintendence and direction of the measure was devolved upon a committee, of which the undersigned, residents of Maryland, are members, who for that reason have been specially charged by their colleagues with the selection of a proper site upon which to construct the work—to which end this paper is respectfully submitted. Your memorialists, therefore, in view of the fact that Odd-Fellowship was founded in the city of Baltimore, in the year 1819, now nearly a half century ago, from which it has been diffused throughout the entire continent, respectfully suggest that it is fitting and appropriate that this monument should be erected on some public place in this city. The mortal remains of Mr. WILDEY repose in Greenmount Cemetery, over which his brethren in Maryland will rear a suitable sepulchral tablet; but the structure designed to be set up by the Grand Lodge of the United States is of a different character—its chief idea and moral is to commemorate the long and successful labors of a philanthropist and public benefactor. Herewith is presented a drawing of the projected monument, with detailed explanations by the artist, from which a general view may be had of the character of the work proposed, the contract for the construction of which has been entered into, and is now in progress of execution.

The undersigned would briefly suggest that when men rise from the ordinary sphere of life above the individual and personal influences, which for the most part absord the race, and learn to recognize the demands of humanity as a just claim upon their time and means, and act out in their lives a practical exhibition and development of this theory, their memory and example commend themselves properly to public approval. The work and its fruits, of such men, become a part of the history of the age, and of the immediate community in which they moved. The labors of Mr. WILDEY were eminently of a public character; effective as they were for the aid of his fellow men, and entirely free from all individual and personal advantage. Of the character of the institution which he founded it does not become us to speak in detail; its vast and diffusive ministrations during the last forty years is familiar to many of your honorable body, who are of its household. It may nevertheless not be inappropriate to remark, for the benefit of those of you who are not of its membership, that although it has been in active and efficient operation for so many years in your State and city, and throughout the whole Union, it is perhaps, by reason of its accustomed noiseless and unpublic labors among the sick, the afflicted and the bereaved, comparatively much less understood and appreciated than other institutions of a kindred character, whose works have been more immediately under the public eye. It nevertheless comprehends an active organization in every State and Territory of the Union, numbering an aggregate membership of nearly a quarter a million of men, and its contributions in aid of suffering humanity has exceeded twenty millions of dollars since its formation.

It is to commemorate the founding of this society by a man who lived and died in our midst—who, although of an humble and retired walk of life, was yet of large and noble heart, and whose labors have bequeathed to the community which he has left behind him a public institution, whose single aim is to ameliorate individual suffering and want, to educate and enlighten the orphan, and to promote and encourage character among men, as the greatest among the varied elements which underlie the public good.

In regard to the particular site for the erection of the proposed monument, your memorialists would state that they have in view a square of ground lying on North Broadway, bounded by Fayette street, as presenting, in their opinion, a most eligible and commanding location for the purposes set forth in this memorial. They therefore respectfully pray your honorable body to

grant them the spot of ground designated, upon which the monument may be erected. All of which is respectfully submitted.

JAS. L. RIDGELY,
JOS. B. ESCAVAILLE.

DESCRIPTION OF THE MONUMENT.

"The object of the design is to convey in a memorial to Past Grand Sire THOMAS WILDEY, the founder of the Independent Order of Odd-Fellows in America, the idea of his connection with and fostering care of the Order, whose intent it is to support throughout all quarters of the world the principle of Charity, and that this Order was raised on a comparatively rough field of operations, until it has attained beautiful and commanding proportions. To embody the main features of this train of history in the proposed monumental structure, the design includes a rough or natural rocky-faced granite base, nine feet square, with its diagonal points setting truly with the points of the compass. From this arises the white marble base of the superstructure. On this base block, on the four triangles which are curved in elevation, are carved in *bas-relievo* the productions of the North American continent. Above this base or plinths, is the dado, or pedestal, having on the eastern face the seal of the Grand Lodge of the United States, carved in *bas-relievo*. On the northern and southern faces, carvings of similar character of Faith and Hope; the Western face to contain the memorial inscription to Past Grand Sire THOMAS WILDEY.

"The pedestal supports a full Order of the Grecian Doric Architecture, typifying, by the beauty of its proportions and the simplicity of its character, the Independent Order of Odd-Fellows. On the four faces of the frieze of the entablature is carved the emblems of the Order—the three links, the heart and hand, the bundle of rods, and the globe. The Order appropriately supports a life-size figure of Charity protecting orphans, thus blending the theory and principles of the Fraternity with the recollections of the services of Past Grand Sire WILDEY. The entire height of the structure is fifty feet."

RESOLUTION RELATING TO A MONUMENT TO PAST GRAND SIRE WILDEY.

Resolved by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, That the City Commissioner be and he is hereby authorized and directed, with full power, to locate and lay out a spot of ground in the square located on North Broadway and bounded by Fayette street, for the purpose of erecting a monument to the memory of Past Grand Sire THOMAS WILDEY by the committee appointed by the Grand Lodge of the United States of the Independent Order of Odd-Fellows, and that the said spot of ground shall be forever kept for that purpose.

Approved January 23, 1865.

JOHN LEE CHAPMAN, Mayor.

PRESENTATION TO R. W. GRAND LODGE OF MASSACHUSETTS.

I. O. O. F.

[SEAL.] OFFICE COR. AND REC. SEC. R. W. GRAND LODGE U. S.
Baltimore, May 29, 1865.

To the M. W. Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, I. O. O. F.

DEAR BROTHER: In conformity to a resolution of the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, I. O. O. F., passed at September session, 1864, I have the honor of transmitting through you to the R. W. Grand Lodge of Massachusetts an engrossed copy of the proceedings adopted by that Grand Body, indicative of its profound appreciation of the fraternal courtesy and hospitality which characterized its reception at the city of Boston in September, 1864. In performing this pleasing duty, allow me to add my individual and personal sense of the marked and grateful attention paid to Your humble servant,

JAMES L. RIDGELY, *C. S.*

I. O. O. F.

[SEAL.] OFFICE OF R. W. G. L. U. S. OF MASSACHUSETTS.
Boston, May 31, 1865.

Grand Secretary Ridgely.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER: Yours of the 28th inst. was duly received, with the engrossed complimentary proceedings of the Grand Lodge of the United States. Please accept the thanks of the Odd-Fellows of Massachusetts for this beautiful gift, and rest assured that it will be highly prized and sacredly kept by them, as a memorial of a social and agreeable meeting, a pleasant interchange of sentiment for the good of the human race, especially that portion of it known under the name of Odd-Fellows. Fraternally yours,

WM. E. FORD, *Grand Master.*

TESTIMONIAL TO P. G. SIRE J. B. NICHOLSON.

I. O. O. F.

OFFICE OF COR. AND REC. SEC. R. W. G. L. U. S.
Baltimore, October 28, 1864.

WM. CURTIS, ESQ., *R. W. Grand Secretary.*

MY DEAR SIR AND BROTHER: I take leave to request your good offices in aid of the Corresponding Secretary in the performance of a very pleasant official duty, committed to him by resolutions unanimously adopted at the last session of the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, page 79, Daily Journal, on motion of Rep. TERWILLEGER, of N. N. Y. I have asked your assistance for the reason that I desire to get up this well deserved testimonial in beautiful style, and I know that your taste in that direction, and your great personal affection for the late Grand Sire combined, will assure to the object far greater effectiveness than I am capable of imparting to it. Do me the favor to signify your views in this connection. Yours very truly,

JAMES L. RIDGELY, *C. S.*

PHILADELPHIA, November 8, 1864.

JAS. L. RIDGELY, ESQ., *G. Cor. and Rec. Sec., &c.*

DEAR SIR AND BRO: Your favor of the 28th inst. came duly to hand, in which you ask my services in procuring the testimonial authorized by the Grand Lodge of the United States for P. G. Sire J. B. NICHOLSON. I reply that my services are entirely at your disposal for such an object. I have known the Grand Sire ever since his connection with our Order, and have ever known him as a brother who has labored in season and out of season to promulgate the teachings of our beloved Order, and it gives me real gratification to be made the instrument to procure the engrossing of the resolutions adopted by the Grand Lodge of the United States as a testimonial of the regard and esteem held for him by the members of that Body. I shall proceed as early as practicable with the duties which you have so kindly entrusted to my care.

With kind regards, I am truly your brother,

WM. CURTIS.

PHILADELPHIA, March 29, 1865.

JAMES B. NICHOLSON, ESQ.

DEAR SIR AND BRO.: Some months since our esteemed brother, JAS. L. RIDGELY, Corresponding Secretary, entrusted to my care the supervision of procuring the resolutions adopted by the Grand Lodge of the United States, approbatory of your official conduct as Grand Sire of the Grand Lodge of the United States, and I assure you that it has given me much gratification in being the instrument se-

lected by that brother to perform so pleasing a duty; and I now, sir, have the honor of forwarding to you the same, engrossed in splendid style by our fellow townsman, R. L. DICKSON, Esq., in a suitable and gilt frame, with the emblems of that Order you love so well appropriately placed theron, and ornamented with a rich scarlet velvet, also emblematic of the Order. Accompanying the same is a letter from Bro. RIDGELY conveying to you in appropriate terms the expression of opinion of the members of the Grand Lodge of the United States in reference to your official character as its presiding officer. In forwarding to you this testimonial, allow me to add that it is no undeserved compliment to one who has given so much of his time and ability to the spread of Odd-Fellowship throughout this vast jurisdiction, and while the historian of our Order may place the name of Father WILDEY at the head of our institution as its founder, you will no doubt have rank with him as the able, zealous, and efficient expounder of our principles.

I am truly your brother,
WM. CURTIS.

PHILADELPHIA, March 30, 1865.

WILLIAM CURTIS, Esq., *R. W. Grand Secretary.*

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER: The handsomely engrossed and richly framed vote of thanks of the Grand Lodge of the United States, with your accompanying note, has been received. Permit me to thank you for the friendly tenor of your letter, and also for the manner in which you have interpreted the duty committed to you by the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of the United States.

The "vote of thanks" is a truly beautiful testimonial, and as such has a value, but I must confess that the approbation of the Grand Lodge of the United States, the very kind language of the eminent brother who entrusted you with the commission, and your own fraternal expressions, far outweigh in value all the adornments which you have seen proper to have placed upon the testimonial.

To the Grand Lodge of the United States I am more deeply grateful than words can express. Bro. JAMES L. RIDGELY has added new obligations to those which have for a long time led me to honor and love him. Be pleased to be the medium of my grateful regards, and to accept for yourself my heartfelt thanks.

Trusting that you may long live to enjoy the esteem of the brotherhood, for the invaluable services you have rendered to the Order in Pennsylvania, and to witness the continued growth of the institution which you have done so much to establish, I beg leave to subscribe myself, with the most fraternal sentiments of regard,

Truly your brother,
JAMES B. NICHOLSON.

The report having been read, on motion of Rep. LAMBERTON, of Pennsylvania, it was referred to the same committee to which the Grand Sire's Report was referred.

Rep. BURNHAM, of Maine, moved the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That 1,500 copies of the reports of the M. W. Grand Sire and R.W. Grand Secretary be printed for the use of the members of the Grand Lodge.

The Grand Sire, announced the following as the Standing Committees:

Committee on the State of the Order.—Reps. STOKES, of Pennsylvania; STUART, of District of Columbia: ESCAVAILLE, of Maryland: LOGAN, of Kansas; CHIDSEY, of Ohio.

Legislative Committee.—Reps. LAMBERTON, of Pennsylvania; FITZHUGH, of Virginia; GRISWOLD, of Illinois; PAGE, of Wisconsin; BARRY, of Indiana.

Committee on Correspondence.—Reps. FARNSWORTH, of Tennessee; WOOD, of Rhode Island; MERRIAM, of Iowa; MARSH, of California; WHITE, of Northern New York.

Committee on Finance.—Reps. BURNHAM, of Maine; ROSS, of New Jersey; COLEMAN, of Tennessee; TERWILLIGER, of Northern New York; NORCROSS, of California.

Committee on Appeals.—Reps. DAVIES, of Southern New York; ELLIS, of Maryland; SIMPSON, of Pennsylvania; CAMPBELL, of Indiana; KINGSBURY, of Maine.

Committee on Constitutions.—Reps. LEECH, of Iowa; GRANNIS, of Georgia; DOE, of Maine; GAREY, of Maryland; FOSS, of Illinois.

Committee on Petitions.—Reps. HARVEY, of Indiana; DENNIS, of Michigan; SMITH, of Canada West; HOPKINS of Pennsylvania; MANTZ, of Maryland.

Committee on Returns.—Reps. SCHEIFER, of Missouri; KIRKUP, of Ohio; MITCHELL, of South Carolina; BARNARD, of Alabama; TOWER, of Louisiana.

Committee on Printing.—Reps. MCLEAN, of District of Columbia; GOODRICH, of Nebraska; DYE, of Minnesota; COOLEY, of Iowa; BUELL, of New Hampshire.

Committee on Mileage and Per Diem.—Reps. SLATER, of Ohio; RANSOM, of Kentucky; LANDERS, of Illinois; LATHAM, of Virginia; BARNES, of Georgia.

Committee on Grand Bodies not Represented.—Reps. BURWELL, of Connecticut; MILLSPAUGH, of Louisiana; ARMINGTON, of Rhode Island; FLEMING, of Georgia; MORSE, of Vermont.

P. G. Sire NICHOLSON made the following Report upon the presentation of the Thank Offering to the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, which was ordered to be spread upon the Journal:

To the M. W. Grand Sire, Officers and Members of the
R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

SIRE AND BROTHERS: At the last annual communication of the Grand Lodge the following resolutions were, on motion of Representative ELLIS, of Maryland, unanimously adopted, viz:

Resolved, That the M. W. Grand Sire, JAMES B. NICHOLSON, be and he is hereby requested to prepare, on the behalf of the members of this Grand Body, a suitable address to the officers and members of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, acknowledging our high sense of the courtesies extended to us by these brethren, and, through their influence, by the city authorities and other public bodies and private citizens of Boston, during the present session of this Grand Lodge, to be signed by the officers and members of this Grand Lodge at this session.

Resolved, That, when so prepared, he be requested to cause the same to be elegantly inscribed on a large sheet of paper, and appropriately framed and transmitted to the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, as a lasting testimonial of our gratitude and fraternal regard.

Unfortunately there was not sufficient time to prepare the address and obtain the signatures of the Grand Representatives prior to the adjournment of the Grand Lodge. The undersigned was therefore compelled to make an attempt to carry out the spirit of the resolutions without the interest that would have been connected with the autographs of the members of the Grand Lodge. The rough draft of the address was placed in the hands of Mr. DICKSON, an accomplished penman, who engrossed the same in a skillful and beautiful manner upon a large sheet of Bristol board, which was enclosed in a massive and richly decorated frame, bearing the emblems of the Order in high relief upon a back ground of royal purple velvet.

Desiring to discharge in the fullest manner the duty devolving upon him, and having received a special invitation, the undersigned proceeded to Boston, visited the R. W. Grand Lodge of Massachusetts at its annual session on the third day

of August, 1865, and formally presented to that Grand Body the thanks of the Grand Lodge of the United States. The remarks made upon that occasion, and also a copy of the engrossad "Thank-Offering" are hereunto appended.

The undersigned, in reporting the fulfillment of the high duty with which he was charged, cannot refrain from acknowledging with gratitude the extreme courtesy and fraternal regard manifested toward him, as your representative, by the brethren of Massachusetts, and also by the civic authorities of Boston, during his recent visit to that city.

Fraternally yours, &c.,

JAMES B. NICHOLSON.

SEPTEMBER 18, 1865.

Most Worthy Grand Master, Officers, and Members of the R. W. Grand Lodge of Massachusetts:

Joy and sorrow chase each other through my soul with such rapid alternations, as I stand in your midst, that I am utterly unable to analyze the conflicting emotions, or to separate their effects. Joyously do I again behold the kind faces that beamed upon the members of the Grand Lodge of the United States in September last. Gladly do I hear once more the friendly voices that welcomed them to Boston, and made the visit an epoch in their lives. To enjoy the luxury of again communing with you, of tasting the sweets of fraternal intercourse, is indeed a happiness that I dearly prize. Oh that my heart could speak! This lisping tongue and these stammering lips are so entirely unfitted for the pleasant yet impossible task before me, that I grieve at the temerity that dares the attempt. Sorrow pains my soul, because I am incapacitated from filling up the full measure of thankfulness and gratitude which the members of the Grand Lodge of the United States desire that I should express in their behalf. I lament upon their account, for full well do I know their feelings, expressed not only in formal resolves, but in the unreservedness of confidential intercourse. One sentiment of unalloyed pleasure pervades every breast, the same sweet memories cling to every heart. Among cherished recollections none will be more delightful than your fraternal kindness. But an event that caused so much gratification, that inspired so many noble emotions, dissipated prejudices, and knit hearts together, between whom, in vain, mountains intervene and rivers roll, is to be spoken of, unfortunately, in the trite language of those who merely give thanks. Thanks are all that we can give in return. We beg you to believe that they are given out of the fullness of our hearts, not in mere words, but in the heart-throbs of sincere, earnest men.

If the experiment of laying a telegraph cable across the Atlantic Ocean succeeds, and the electric spark flies with messages that will bring continents nearer together, it will not accomplish more than our brotherhood is now and has been performing in bringing man nearer to his fellow man, in overleaping those barriers which isolate us one from the other, causing antagonisms where there should be affinity, hatred where there should be love. The magnetic chain of brotherhood runs through the hearts of our race, and the grand truths of humanity flash along the entire circuit of our glorious fraternity, whispering peace and unity among the sons of men. You have sent out from this Hall, as from a magnetic battery, the kindling spark that burns not only in the hearts of the dwellers on the mountains and in the valleys of the "Old Bay State," but the pilgrims who repaired hither, last September, from other jurisdictions, have carried from hence new zeal and hope; some of them probably a new but abiding love for the brethren of Massachusetts. You are entitled to the gratitude of the Order, to the respect of every philanthropist; for you have done good, created friendly feelings, and contributed largely towards the practical exemplification of the high purposes of our beloved Order—the elevation of the standard of humanity, through the benign influence of love.

It is my special duty to speak for and represent the great brotherhood whose representatives were assembled here a few months ago: but permit me to speak

also for the hopeful, loving, and aspiring, every where. I believe that I have the right to thank you in the name of our common humanity. As an Odd-Fellow, a man, and an American, I feel that your kindness has not been thrown away, but its fruits will ripen under heartfelt recollections and pleasant memories, and the effect thereof be like unto the "leaves of the tree that were for the healing of the nations."

When the Grand Lodge of the United States met in this Hall, some jurisdictions had no representations here. The lines of contending armies were stretched across the land, many of our brethren were in the field, the bones of some were whitening upon fields of battle; now, amid our sorrow for the dead, and our sympathy for the widow and the orphan; whilst wiping the eyes of sorrowing survivors, and endeavoring to soothe their sorrows, let us heartily rejoice, and thank our HEAVENLY FATHER that the dire conflict is over. The sword has been returned to its sheath; may it never be drawn in fratricidal strife, but may the day soon hasten when the power of public opinion, enlightened, conscientious, and just, shall be mightier than the sword: when none shall dare appeal from the supreme decrees of reason to the arbitrament of arms. Let us contribute to this work; rebuild our altars where they have been overthrown; raise the white banners of Love over hall and temple, until they shall kiss the peaceful winds of heaven, from the Atlantic to the Pacific, and from Canada to the Gulf of Mexico. Our Order has emerged from the dread ordeal with its unity unbroken: the Grand Lodge of the United States, in due season, will again meet with full ranks; and from every jurisdiction representatives will respond to the Worthy Grand Secretary's call, and the great work will roll triumphantly on. When those who were absent read the journals, and hear the language of those representatives who were present sharing your hospitalities, the hearts of all will swell with Friendship and Love for the Odd-Fellows of Massachusetts.

All that I can say but makes me feel more strongly the poverty of language in expressing the emotions of the heart. I will therefore proceed to the discharge of the high duty assigned to me by the Supreme Authority in Odd-Fellowship, and now beg leave to present to you this formal expression of thanks, and do most fraternally ask your acceptance thereof, in the hope that you may be induced to regard it as an evidence of the brotherly love felt for you and the brotherhood in Massachusetts by the members of the Grand Lodge of the United States. The attempt to embody their sentiments has been thus briefly expressed and engrossed, viz:

I. O. O. F.

To the M. W. Grand Master, Officers, and Members of the R. W. Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, and the Jurisdiction thereunto belonging:

WELL BELOVED BRETHREN: By the authority of the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States of the Independent Order of Odd-Fellows, and at its special instance and request, testified by its unanimous voice.

We the M. W. Grand Sire, charged with the pleasing office in its behalf, do bear to you these presents, with salutations of fraternal love, greeting:

We desire gratefully to acknowledge our deep sense of the courteous and fraternal welcome to your jurisdiction, the generous hospitalities which you so gracefully dispensed, and the unceasing personal attentions which were shown to the members of the Grand Lodge of the United States during its session held in the city of Boston, September, 1864.

We thank you most heartily for your urbanity, and for the influence whereby we were made the honored recipients of marked civilities by the public authorities, to whom we are deeply grateful. Nor shall we ever forget the benign spirit which opened to us the hospitable homes and friendly hearts of citizens of Boston and its vicinity.

We assure you that the remembrance of your kind words, and still kinder actions, is engraved upon the memories of the representatives of the different

jurisdictions, and will add other ties to those of fraternity and brotherhood. Acknowledging our inability to requite your liberality, we present this Thank Offering as a slight token of our appreciation of your friendship and brotherly love.

In testimony whereof we have subscribed our names, and affixed the seal of the Grand Lodge of the United States, this twenty-third day of September, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty-four, and of the Order the forty-fifth.

JAMES B. NICHOLSON, *Grand Sire.*

Attest:

JAMES L. RIDGELY, [SEAL.]
Grand C. and R. Secretary.

MOST WORTHY GRAND MASTER WILLIAM E. FORD'S REPLY IN ACCEPTING THE THANK OFFERING.

Most Worthy Past Grand Sire:

In the name of the officers and members of the Right Worthy Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, and in behalf of the Independent Order of Odd-Fellows of this jurisdiction, I accept with pleasure and pride this beautiful "*Thank Offering*," which it has pleased the Grand Lodge of the United States, with one voice, to tender to the brotherhood of our beloved Commonwealth.

When the Grand Lodge of the United States decided to accept the invitation extended to them, and hold their annual session in this city, the Odd Fellows of the "Old Bay State" felt it was a distinguished honor, and should be made an occasion for rejoicing, believing it would be productive of great good to all who might participate in the interchange of those friendly feelings, and bind us more closely together. They immediately began to make the necessary arrangements to receive and entertain that distinguished body in such a manner as would be conducive to their comfort, with no *expectation* or *desire* of reward, save that which comes from the teachings of our noble fraternity, and are the peculiar characteristics of genuine Odd-Fellowship.

From the history of the past we had learned who were to become our guests. It needed no herald to proclaim their titles or deeds; their doings in behalf of humanity, and the great christian efforts they had made toward ameliorating the sufferings of our race, were the distinguishing features of their characters that entitled them to our cordial greeting, our warmest friendship, and our lasting gratitude.

In accepting this beautiful gift from you, as the representative of the Grand Lodge of the United States, specially delegated to perform this pleasing ceremony, allow me, in behalf of my associates and the fraternity of this jurisdiction, to thank you for the gift, and assure you that it will be kept as a memento of a cordial, happy meeting of friends, never to be forgotten while life shall last. The gold with which it is gilded may become tarnished, and the delicate letter obscured, the sands in the hour-glass of life may run slowly, and the chain that binds us to earth be nearly severed—yet will we keep it, only to part with it as we part with the things of earth, to transmit them to the care and keeping of near and dear friends; thus commemorating an event in the history of our beloved Order worthy the consideration of all that labor for our benevolent objects.

To you, personally, I would express thanks for the great satisfaction, pleasure, and profit the Odd-Fellows of this State, as well as the Order generally, have derived from listening to your eloquent words and logical arguments in behalf of our noble work, kindling anew the fires that burned but dimly, until they send forth a warm and cheerful glow, melting cold indifference and apathy, and in their places producing an enlarged philanthropy, a greater friendship toward man, a deeper, more fervent love to God, and a desire for that truthfulness in all things good, which would increase our usefulness,

Much of the good which we now witness springing up from the remote fields of our labor are due in a great degree to your efforts.

You have spoken of the sentiments of love which have been kindled anew toward the brotherhood of this jurisdiction by the pilgrims that journeyed hither in September last. Nothing will be cherished with more fondness by us than the recollection of the pleasant interviews between brethren of remote sections of our country; dissolving prejudice, dispelling fears, and bringing each and all to a more correct understanding of one another. Should the time come, as we hope it may ere long, when the Grand Lodge of the United States will again convene in this city, rest assured, sir, you will find the brethren ready to render all the assistance in their power to provide for the entertainment of their friends. You will please bear to the officers and members of the Grand Lodge of the United States our thanks for their many acts of courtesy and kindness during their visit to Boston; and especially for this unexpected one, which we would have them rest assured will serve to stimulate us to be more deserving and faithful in the performance of our duty.

Rep. TERWILLIGER, of Northern New York, moved the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the R. W. Grand Secretary cause to be printed ten copies of the Daily Journal, for the use of each officer and member of the Grand Lodge.

The following invitation from the Corporation of Baltimore was received, and was unanimously accepted:

MAYOR'S OFFICE, CITY HALL,
Baltimore, Sept. 18th, 1865.

To the Most Worthy Grand Sire, Officers, and Members of the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, I. O. O. F.

GENTLEMEN: You are respectfully invited by the Corporation of Baltimore to visit Druid Hill Park, and partake of the hospitalities of the city, on Thursday afternoon, Sept. 21st, 1865.

Carriages will be in waiting at the Hall, at 1½ o'clock, for the purpose of conveying you to the Park.

With much respect, yours, &c.,
JOHN LEE CHAPMAN, *Mayor.*

The following invitation was also read and accepted:

OFFICE OF THE MARYLAND STEAM FURNITURE WORKS,
Baltimore, September 18th, 1865.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, I. O. O. F.

GENTLEMEN: You are respectfully solicited, during your sojourn with us, in our city, to visit our Furniture Factory, situated No. 6 Low street.

S. S. STEVENS & SON.

Rep. MANTZ, of Maryland, presented the following invitation, which was accepted:

MERCHANTS' EXCHANGE AND NEWS ROOM,
Baltimore, September 18, 1865.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, I. O. O F.

GENTLEMEN: We take pleasure in extending to you the privileges of the Merchants' Exchange and News Room during your sojourn in Baltimore. Your names will be respectively recorded in the book for visitors, and will not only secure for you the freedom of the same, but a hearty welcome, from

Your very obedient serv'ts,
PORTER & DUDLEY, *Proprietors.*

Also, the following, which was accepted:

HOUSE OF REFUGE,
Baltimore, Sept. 18, 1865.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, I. O. O. F.

GENTLEMEN: It will afford us pleasure to welcome your worthy body to the House of Refuge; and respectfully invite a visit, when we shall take pleasure in exhibiting the operations of the institution in its various departments.

Respectfully, yours.
WM. R. LINCOLN, *Supt.*

Also the following, which was accepted:

FRONT STREET THEATRE, September 18, 1865.

Brother JOHN T. FORD cordially invites the attendance of his brothers, the Most Worthy Grand Sire, Officers and Members of the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, I. O. O. F., at the Front street Theatre on this Monday evening, September 18, where seats will be in special reserve for the Grand Lodge as a body. He also extends the invitation so as to embrace a visit on some other evening, under like circumstances, to the Holliday Street Theatre.
Baltimore, Md.

Also the following, which was accepted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, I. O. O. F.

The undersigned extend a cordial invitation to the M. W. Grand Sire, Officers and Members of your R. W. Grand Body, to visit, during your session in this city, the various State Tobacco Warehouses in their custody, a feature in the business of Baltimore doubtless novel to most of you, and the extent and operations of which cannot fail to gratify you in witnessing.

Yours, respectfully,
JNO. MOREHEAD,
WILLIAM WELSH,
PHILEMON GRIFFITH,
JAMES T. PERKINS,
BENJ. O'HARA.

Baltimore, Sep. 18, 1865.

Also the following, which was accepted:

BALTIMORE, *September* 18, 1865.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, I. O. O. F.

Messrs. G. W. Gail & Ax present their compliments to the M. W. Grand Sire, officers and members of the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, and respectfully invite them to visit and look through their tobacco works, on Barre street, on Thursday, 21st instant.

The Chair announced the following as the committee on the Grand Sire and Grand Secretary's Reports, Reps. BARRY, of Indiana; HILL, of California; BABCOCK, of Ohio.

Rep. LAMBERTON, of Pennsylvania, moved to amend the By-Laws as follows, which was laid on the table:

Strike out of Art. XXII of By-Laws, in 25th line, Digest, page 18, the words, "and aprons as above described," and add the words "trimmed with yellow lace or fringe," so that so much of said by-law as relates to the regalia of Past Chief Patriarchs shall read as follows: "Past Chief Patriarchs shall wear purple collars or sashes trimmed with yellow lace or fringe."

Rep. GAREY, of Maryland, presented the following invitation, which was unanimously accepted:

BALTIMORE, *Sept.* 18, 1865.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, I. O. O. F.

GENTLEMEN: You are respectfully requested to attend a Grand Banquet to be given to your body by the Merchants and Business men of Baltimore, at the New Assembly Rooms, on Friday next, 22d inst., at 8 o'clock P. M.

Very respectfully,

GEO. W. HERRING.
On behalf of the Merchants of Baltimore.

Rep. MANTZ, of Maryland, moved that a committee be appointed on the unfinished business of the last session, which was adopted.

The Chair named as the committee, provided for by the resolution, Reps. MANTZ, of Maryland; MARVIN, of Northern New York; FORD, of Massachusetts; SWANTON, of Southern New York; STRATTON, of New Jersey.

On motion of Rep. HILL, of California, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the Representatives from Maryland, in this Grand Lodge, be appointed a committee to notify the Merchants and Business men of Baltimore of the acceptance of their invitation, and also to make such arrangements for the Grand Lodge as may be necessary in connection with said invitation.

Rep. TERWILLIGER, of Northern New York, moved the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Secret Journal and Book of Diagrams be placed in the hands of the R. W. Deputy Grand Sire, and that that Officer is hereby requested to furnish every opportunity to properly accredited Representatives to acquaint themselves with the work, not only during the sittings, but under proper restrictions during the *recesses* of the present session.

Rep. RANSOM, of Kentucky, moved to amend as follows: insert the words "and no others," in the third line, after "Representatives;" which was agreed to, and the resolution as amended was adopted.

Rep. BARRY, of Indiana, from the committee on that subject, made the following report:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Special Committee to whom was referred the reports of the Grand Sire and Grand Secretary, for the purpose of apportioning to appropriate committees the several subjects in said reports, submit the following:

That so much of the report of the Grand Sire as relates to the remission of the representative tax from Southern jurisdictions, and furnishing them, free of charge, with supplies for immediate use, be referred to the Committee on Finance.

That so much as relates to decisions made in the interim of the sessions, and so much as relates to the reports of the Commissioners to Vermont and West Virginia, be referred to the Committee on the State of the Order.

That so much as relates to the restoration of the charter of the Grand Encampment of Delaware, and to warrants granted in the interval of the sessions, be referred to the Committee on Petitions.

That so much as relates to the consolidation of the two Grand Lodges in the State of New York, and so much as suggests special provision in relation to irregular cards, issued by some Southern jurisdictions, be referred to the Legislative Committee.

That so much as relates to the death of P. G. Sire R. B. BOYLSTON be referred to a special committee.

That so much of the report of the Grand Secretary as relates to the correspondence of the Grand Secretary with the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, and between G. Secretary CURTIS and P. G. Sire NICHOLSON, and with the several institutions to which proceedings have been presented, and all other correspondence, be referred to the Committee on Correspondence.

That so much as relates to the general finance and to the Wildey Monument fund be referred to the Committee on Finance.

That so much as relates to Grand Bodies not represented be referred to the committee on that subject.

E. H. BARRY
C. H. BABCOCK,
WM. H. HILL.

On motion of Rep. GRISWOLD, of Illinois, the rule was suspended, and the report was considered and adopted.

Rep. ESCAVAILLE, of Maryland, presented the following paper:

OFFICE OF THE CITY PASSENGER RAILWAY CO.
Baltimore, Sept. 16th, 1865.

JOS. B. ESCAVAILLE, Esq. G. Rep.

SIR: This Company take the liberty of presenting through you, to the Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd-Fellows, a package of tickets for the use of its members during their sojourn amongst us.

Very respectfully,
HENRY TYSON, President.

On motion the courtesy of the company was accepted.

On motion of Rep. FITZHUGH, of Virginia, the Lodge adjourned until to-morrow morning, at 9 o'clock.

TUESDAY, September 19, 1865—9 o'clock A. M.

The R. W. Grand Lodge assembled pursuant to adjournment, present:

OFFICERS.

ISAAC M. VEITCH.....M. W. Grand Sire.
JAMES P. SANDERS.....R. W. Deputy Grand Sire.
JAMES L. RIDGELY.....R. W. Grand Cor. and Rec. Secretary.
JOSHUA VANSANT.....R. W. Grand Treasurer.
REV. I. D. WILLIAMSON.....R. W. Grand Chaplain.
JOSEPH KIDDER.....R. W. Grand Marshal.
AUGUSTUS PFAFF.....R. W. Grand Guardian.
JOHN E. CHAMBERLAIN.....R. W. Grand Messenger.

And a representation from a quorum of Grand Bodies.

Prayer by Rev. Bro. I. D. WILLIAMSON.

The R. W. Deputy Grand Sire, having examined the Representatives, by order of the M. W. Grand Sire declared the Lodge open for business.

On motion, the reading of the journal of yesterday was dispensed with.

The Chair announced the appointment of the following committee on the death of P. G. Sire BOYLSTON: Reps. FITZHUGH, of Virginia; DONIPHAN, of Missouri; FOSTER, of Michigan; RIGGS, of Indiana; HOMES, of Louisiana

The R. W. Grand Treasurer made the following report on the Wildey Monument Fund, which being read, was referred to the Committee on Finance:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

I have the pleasure to submit the following statement of the Wildey Monument fund, embracing the receipts and disbursements on that account for the year commencing on the 20th September, 1864, and ending September 18th, inclusive, 1865.

GRAND TREASURER. DR.

1864, Sep. 20—To cash balance this day, as per report of Grand Treasurer, pages 3658-9 Journal of 1864.....	$5,041 39
1865, Feb. 25—Received from the sale of 3 United States 5-20 coupon bonds, of $1 000 each, Nos. 39,142, 39,143. 45,589, at 10¾ per cent. premium.....	3,322 50

1865, May 27—Received from the sale of 1 United States 5-20 coupon bond, No. 39,141, at 3¼ per cent. premium...		1,032 50
" " " Received from the sale of 1 United States 10-40 coupon bond, No. 16,347, at $94 per hundred.....		940 00
" " 10—Interest in gold received on $4,000 United States 5-20 inscribed bonds, for 6 months.....		120 00
Premium on the above at 30 per cent.....		36 00
" " 22—Received for 6 months interest in gold on $3,000 of 5-20 coupon bonds, and on $1,000 of 10-40 coupon bonds.....		115 00
Premium on the above at 30 per cent.....		34 50
" Sept. —Received from Grand Secretary, J. L. Ridgely, for the year commencing Sept. 20th, 1864, and ending September 18, inclusive, 1865.....		5,324 36
Total receipts.....		$15,966 25

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1864, Sep. 24—By this sum paid Geo. Smith, for mileage and per diem for attendance of Monument Committee at Philadelphia, as per voucher No. 1.....		15 00
" Oct. 6—By this sum paid E. F. Durang, for design of monument drawings, &c., as per voucher No. 2.....		115 00
" " 24—By this sum paid J. B. Escavailie, for mileage and per diem in attending meeting of Monument Committee at Philadelphia, voucher No. 3.....		16 00
" Nov. 9—By this sum paid Joshua Vansant, for mileage and per diem in attending meeting of Monument Committee at Philadelphia, voucher No. 4.....		15 80
" " 2—By this sum paid to the Grand Lodge for 2 United States 5-20 inscribed bonds of $1,000 each, No. 2,495 and 2,496 in accordance with the resolutions of the Grand Lodge, pages 3687 and 3699, Journal of 1864.....		2,000 00
" " 12—By this sum paid to the Grand Lodge for 1 United States 5-20 inscribed bond of $1,000, No. 2,494, in accordance with the resolutions of the Grand Lodge, pages 3687 and 3699, Journal of 1864....		1,000 00
" " 16—By this sum paid to the Grand Lodge for 1 United States 5-20 inscribed bond of $1,000, No. 2,493, in accordance with the resolutions of the Grand Lodge, pages 3687 and 3699, Journal of 1864....		1,000 00
1865, Feb. 8—By this sum paid J. W. Orr, for 3000 copies of design of Wildey Monument, voucher No. 8...		60 00
" " 25—By this sum paid H. S. Tarr & Bevan & Sons being the first instalment on account of constructing monument, voucher No. 9.....		3,500 00
" Mar. 1—By this sum paid J. E. Chamberlain for freights and postages.....		3 53
" May 27—By this sum paid H. S. Tarr & Bevan & Sons being 2nd instalment on account of constructing the monument, voucher No. 10.....		3,500 00
" July 21—By this sum paid J. M. Evans, for copper box for records, &c., deposited in corner stone of the monument, voucher No. 11.....		2 75
" Aug. 25—By this sum paid Concordia Building Managers for advance on engagement of saloon, for 20 Sept., 1865, voucher No. 12.....		25 00

1865, Sep. 2—By this sum paid Isaac Miller, for placing fencing around the monument, voucher No. 13		40 00
" " " —By this sum paid H. Nagleschmit, for watching monument, voucher No. 14		10 00
" " 9—By this sum paid J. F. Sweitzer, for watching monument, voucher No. 15		2 00
	11,305 08	
Cash Balance in Treasury	4,661 17	
	15,966 25	

The cash balance to the credit of this fund as appears by the foregoing statement is	$4,661 17
In addition to this, there stands to the credit of the same, in U. S. Inscribed 5-20 Bonds, at par value	4,000 00
United States 5-20 Coupon Bonds	2,000 00
Total amount	$10,661 17

There is due to the contractors for the construction of the monument $6,162.25, and, after making a liberal allowance for a few small bills that may be incurred, and an unadjusted claim set up by Mr. Durang, there will remain in the Treasury more than $4,000, that may be applied to the placing of an appropriate railing and curbing around the monument, and placing granite slabs within the enclosure of the same, and at the same time enable the Grand Lodge to invest a small amount from the fund, the interest upon which may be applied to the keeping of the property in repair.

Fraternally yours,

May 19, 1865. JOSHUA VANSANT, *G. Treas'r.*

The R. W. Grand Treasurer submitted his Annual Report, as follows, which being read, was referred to the Committee on Finance:

To R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

I herewith submit my Annual Report for the year commencing on the 20th of September, 1864, and ending on the 18th of September, inclusive, 1865, exhibiting the financial condition of the Grand Lodge, and the receipts and disbursements for said year.

GRAND TREASURER. DR.

To cash balance in the Treasury, September 20, 1864, as per the report of the Finance Committee, page 3679 of Journal of 1864.		$7,766 29
1864. Nov. 2—To interest on $6,000 of 5-20 Registered Bonds, of the United States		180 00
Premium in currency on above at 135 per cent.		243 00
To this amount received from the Wildey Monument fund, for 2 U. States 5-20 Bonds, No. 2495, and 2496 of $1,000 each, transferred to said Monument fund in virtue of the resolutions of the Grand Lodge, pages 3687 and 3699 of the Journal of 1864		2,000 00
1864. Nov. 12—To this amount received from Wildey Monument fund, for 1 U. S. 5-20 Bond, of $1,000, No. 2494, transferred to said Monument fund under the same authority as the foregoing		1,000 00

1864. Nov. 16—To this amount received from Wildey Monument fund. for 1 U. S. 5-20 Bond of $1,000, No. 2493, transferred to said fund as above	1,000	00
1865. May 10—Interest in gold on $2,000 of U. S. 5-20 Bonds	60	00
" " "—Premium in currency on above, at 30 per cent	18	00
" July 19—Grand Encampment of Iowa, in payment of its note and accrued interest thereon—see Report of Finance Committee, page 3679 Journal of 1864.	88	50
" " 16—This sum received for interest on due bill of J. S. Driscoll	1	20
" Sept. 18—To this sum received from Grand Secretary, J. L. Ridgely, from Sept. 20, inclusive, 1864, to this date inclusive	18,867	03
	$31,224	02

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1864. Sept.—By this sum paid to Grand Officers and Grand Representatives, who were in attendance at the session of the Grand Lodge at Boston, in 1864, on account of mileage and per diem, as per vouchers herewith submitted, and in accordance with the report of the Committee on Mileage and Per Diem, on pages 3720–21–22–23, Journal of 1864.	8,121	90
1864. Sept. 22—Paid J. W. Orr, for advertising, as per voucher, No. 1	30	00
" " 23—Paid Grand Sire J. B. Nicholson, on account printing his report, as per voucher, No. 2	15	00
" " 21—Paid I. D. Williamson, on account of Revision of Work Committee, as per voucher No. 3	63	50
" " "—Paid J. Terwilliger, on account Revision of Work Committee, as per voucher No. 4	44	70
" " "—Paid I. M. Veitch, on account Revision of Work Committee, as per voucher No. 5	94	50
" " "—Paid J. L. Ridgely, on account Revision of Work Committee, as per voucher No. 6	15	80
" " 23—Paid Grand Sire Nicholson, for postages, express expenses, &c. as per voucher No. 84	60	00
" " "—Paid H. L. Mace, services as assist. Messenger at Boston, as per voucher No. 85	30	00
" " 24—Paid Rand & Avery, printing Daily Journal at Boston, as per voucher No. 86	329	83
" " "—Paid J. Vansant, stamp on Bond and Check stamps as per voucher No. 87	3	00
" Oct. 3—Paid James Young, for services at Boston, as per voucher No. 88	50	00
" " "—Paid James Young, for printing and stereotyping Index to Journal—printing Report of Grand Secretary, &c. &c., as per voucher No. 89	633	10
" " 10—Paid "Boston Evening Traveller," for advertising proposals for printing Journal, as per voucher No. 90	68	75
" " 31—Paid Wm. Paul & Co., Binding Journal Grand Lodge, as per voucher No. 92	604	80
" Nov. 9—Paid insurance on furniture, books, &c., as per voucher No. 94	11	05
" " 12—Paid John Y. Slater—furnishing paper for Revised Journal, as per voucher No. 95	1,122	00

1864, Nov. 16	—Paid Wm. Paul & Co., binding Digests, Journal and "Covenant," as per voucher No. 96.....	613 12
" " 30	—Paid G. Secretary J. L. Ridgely for 3 months services, as per voucher No. 97.....	375 00
" " "	—Paid Grand Messenger Chamberlain 3 months services, as per voucher No. 98.....	225 00
" " "	—Paid Grand Messenger Chamberlain, postages, freight, &c., as per voucher No. 98	66 18
" Dec. 30	—Ryan & Ricketts, stereotyping Revised Journal, as per voucher No. 99.....	103 80
1865, Jan. 17	—Paid John Y. Slater, Printing Revised Journal, as per voucher No. 100.....	561 09
" " "	—John Y. Slater, 1 ream paper for Revised Journal, as per voucher No. 101.....	13 20
" Feb. 8	—Paid E. Sandys, on account of printing cards, as per voucher No. 102.....	75 00
" Mar. 1	—Paid Grand Messenger Chamberlain, for 3 months services, as per voucher No. 103.....	225 00
" " "	—Paid Grand Messenger Chamberlain, for express, postages, boxes, &c., as per voucher No. 103....	78 62
" " "	—Paid Grand Secretary Ridgely, for 3 months services, as per voucher No. 104.....	375 00
" April 3	—Paid Geo. F. Lewis, printing diplomas, as per voucher No. 105.....	118 00
" " "	—Paid J. Vansant, for registering letter, as per voucher No. 106.....	20
" May 4	—Paid R. L. Dickson, penning resolutions of Grand Lodge, as per voucher No. 108	25 00
" " "	—Paid John Mooney, gilt frame for above, as per voucher No. 109.....	50 00
" " 20	—Paid James Young, printing Daily Journal &c., as per voucher No. 110.....	275 77
" " 24	—Paid J. B. Escavaille, circulars and postage stamps, as per voucher No. 111.....	3 10
" " 31	—Paid Grand Secretary Ridgely, 3 months services as per voucher No. 112.....	375 00
" " "	—Paid G. Messenger Chamberlain, 3 months services, as per voucher No. 113.....	225 00
" " "	—Paid G. Messenger Chamberlain, postages, express, &c., as per voucher No. 113.....	41 56
" June 22	—Paid John Mooney, gilt frame for resolutions of G. Lodge, complimentary to P. G. Sire Nicholson, as per voucher No. 114.....	50 00
" " "	—Paid R. L. Dickson, penning resolutions as above, as per voucher No. 115.....	25 00
" Aug. 3	—Paid E. Sandys, printing cards, &c., as per voucher No. 116.....	251 20
" " 9	—Paid James Young, binding and printing Digests, charge books, &c., as per voucher No. 117.....	430 80
" " 28	—Paid J. W. Bond & Co., stationery, as per voucher No. 118.....	196 15
" " 31	—Paid Grand Lodge of Maryland, rent, fuel, and gas light, as per voucher No. 119.....	275 00
" " "	—Paid J. B. Waugh, painting portrait of Grand Sire Nicholson, as per voucher No. 120.....	150 00
" " "	—Paid J. S. Earle & Son, gilt frame for the above, as per voucher No. 121.....	56 00

1865 Sept. 1—Paid Grand Secretary Ridgely, 3 months services, as per voucher No. 122		375 00
" " "—Paid Grand Messenger Chamberlain, 3 months services, as per voucher No. 123		225 00
" " "—Paid Grand Messenger Chamberlain, express, boxes, postages, &c., as per voucher No. 123		40 34
" " 16—Paid Baltimore Clipper, advertising for printing proposals, as per voucher No. 124		25 30
" " 20—J. Vansant, Grand Treasurer, for stamps, receipts, drafts, &c., voucher No. 125		2 66
" " " —J. Vansant, Grand Treasurer, 12 months services, voucher No. 125		200 00
	17,425 02	
Balance in Treasury	13,799 00	
	$31,224 02	

From the foregoing statement it will be perceived that the revenue from the regular or ordinary sources for the fiscal year just closed was $18,867.03, being an excess as compared with the preceeding year of $7,044.63. Adding to the amonnt $501, received on account of interest which accrued on United States Bonds, and $89.70 on account of old claims, and the total revenue proper for the year will appear to be $19,457.73, being a greater sum than has been received into the Treasury from sources proper than in any one year since the orginization of the Grand Lodge.

The disbursements for the year amounted to the sum of $17,425.02, exceeding the expenses of the preceeding year in the sum of $4,090.40. From these statistics it will appear that notwithstanding the very great increase in the revenue of the Grand Lodge, it exceeded the expenses of the body in the sum of but $2,032.71. The extraordinary sum paid for printing and for binding during the year, $5,131.71,—largely increased the expenses, and but for the fact that the Grand Lodge was the possessor of bonds of the United States which it had directed the Officers of the Grand Lodge to purchase with funds derived from the estate of the late P. G. Sire WILDEY, and which bonds to the amount of $4000 it disposed of or transferred to the Wildey Monument fund for an equal amount in cash, it would have been compelled to borrow money early in the fiscal year, or to have deferred the payment of claims beyond a reasonable time. This statement of facts should admonish the Grand Lodge that even at periods when prosperity appears more than usually flattering, economy in the expenditure of funds derived from a liberal and benevolent constituency merits its serious consideration. The subordinate bodies have from time to time borne without complaint increasing taxation, and it is due to the sacred cause in which they are at work that no more should be drawn from the treasure which they garner for charity's sake than is indispensibly necessary to the ends of the Grand Lodge.

Within a short period after the adjournment of the Grand Lodge in 1864 it became indebted to the Wildey Monument fund in the sum of about $4.000, and hence, in virtue of the authority with which the Grand Lodge invested me as per the resolutions which accompanied the report of the Finance Committee on page 3687, and the amendments adopted in that connection on page 3699 of the Journal of 1864, I transferred to the credit of the Wildey Monument account $4,000 in United States Bonds belonging to the Grand Lodge, and placed $4.000 of the assets of the Monument fund in exchange therefor to the credit of the Grand Lodge. At the time the transfer took place the 5-20 bonds sold at 101¼, but as the Grand Lodge had for several months been the debtor to the Monument fund, and but for which loan on the part of the latter such funds would have been invested by me in interest drawing securities, I placed the bonds at their par value, the premium thereon being about balanced by the interest which would have accrued to the Monument fund if the money had been invested.

The available assets of the Grand Lodge are as follows, viz:

United States 5-20 Inscribed Bonds at par value	$2,000 00
Cash balance in the Treasury	13,799 00
Total	$15,799 00

The 1st section of the 7th article of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge requires the Grand Treasurer to "pay all orders drawn on him by the Grand Sire and attested by the Grand Secretary under the seal of the Grand Lodge." Giving therefore to this feature of the Constitution a rational construction, it has at no time, within the knowledge of the undersigned, been complied with, for the reason that it is altogether impracticable, unless the payment of all claims should be deferred from the closing of one session of the Grand Lodge to its next communication. And hence that body has, from time to time, authorized the Treasurer to pay claims against the Grand Lodge upon their being countersigned or certified by the Grand Secretary.

I would respectfully suggest, to your R. W. Grand Body that said feature in the Constitution be changed to such form as to render an observance thereof practicable and expedient.

JOSHUA VANSANT, Grand Treasurer.

Rep. GAREY, of Maryland, presented the appeal of JAMES L. RIDGELY, P. G. M., and others, of Maryland, against the decision of the Grand Lodge of that State in the case of Bro. G. W. BURNHAM, which was referred to the Committee on Appeals.

Rep. ESCAVAILLE, of Maryland, from the Committee on the Wildey Monument, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Wildey Monument Committee respectfully submits the following report:

In obedience to the resolution as adopted at the last communication of the Grand Lodge, (page 3,675 Journal of Proceedings,) the committee entered into a contract with Brother Henry S. Tarr, of Philadelphia, and Bevans & Sons, of Baltimore, for the work on and erection of the monument in accordance with the design, as submitted and approved by the Grand Lodge at the last annual communication, for the sum of thirteen thousand and ten dollars, ($13,010) The contractors immediately commenced the work upon the monument, and have completed their labors, within the time specified in the contract, to the entire satisfaction of the committee. Of the amount as agreed upon for the work and erection of the monument two installments have been paid; the vouchers therefor are now in possession of the R. W. Grand Treasurer. One installment yet remains unpaid, which, by the terms of the contract, is to be paid within thirty days after the acceptance of the monument by the committee. This installment, when paid, will cancel the amount of the contract as made with the builders.

The only matter now remaining to complete the structure is a proper enclosure of curbing and iron railing, and other surroundings of a suitable character to embellish that beautiful memorial to the father and founder of American Odd Fellowship.

In the month of May last the Committee informed the M. W. Grand Sire that the monument would be completed by the time of holding the annual communication of the Grand Lodge, in the month of September, and that they would be prepared at that time to surrender their trust, and to present to the Grand Lodge the monumental structure. That officer issued a proclamation directing that a grand National celebration of the Order be held on the 20th day of Sep-

tember, 1865, in the city of Baltimore, and clothing the Committee with full power to issue circulars for the purpose of assembling the Brotherhood, and to take such steps and make all arrangements in detail looking to a demonstration of the Order that would be creditable and effective and worthy of the occasion in every particular. In this direction the energies of the committee have been enlisted, and they have, with the assistance of the M. W. Grand Marshal, determined upon such a programme of arrangements as, it is believed, will subserve the object contemplated in the proclamation of the M. W. Grand Sire. A copy of the programme is herewith submitted.

The Committee, in making their arrangements for this national demonstration of the Order, have necessarily incurred some bills of expense, which they recommend be referred to the Committee on Finance for their examination and approval.

The Committee propose on the morning of the 20th, at the dedication of the monument, to submit a detailed report showing the operations of the Committee during the year.

The appended resolutions are respectfully submitted.

Resolved, That the Committee be, and it is hereby authorized, to cause appropriate iron railing and curbing to be placed around the monument, and to have it flagged or paved in a substantial manner; provided that the expenses to be incurred in that connection shall in no event exceed the cash balance now standing to the debit of the monument fund.

Resolved, That, in the event of there being a surplus fund to the credit of the monument account after all expenses shall have been paid, the Treasurer of the Grand Lodge shall invest in United States bonds such surplus, the interest on which shall be set apart for the purpose of keeping the monument and enclosure in a proper condition.

JAMES B. NICHOLSON.
JOS. B. ESCAVAILLE.
JAMES L. RIDGELY.
JOSHUA VANSANT.
J. W. STOKES.
THEO. A. ROSS.
A. H. RANSOM.
JOHN F. HAVENNER.

Rep. LOGAN, of Kansas, from the Special Committee on that subject, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The undersigned, a Select Committee appointed in pursuance of a resolution to be found on page 3711, Revised Journal of 1864, would respectfully report, that they have given the subject their most serious and patient consideration, and can arrive at but one conclusion, viz.: that to attain the desired result there must be created an *organization* to the degree, a *system* by which those engaged in the work may concentrate and harmonize their efforts. Such an organization, to be effective, would necessarily be attended with a multiplicity and minuteness of detail, and be vested with powers, which your committee believe, would not only be foreign to the wishes of a majority of the Brotherhood, but would, in time, work great mischief to the interests of the Order.

The committee therefore, seeing no hope of making the degree a useful adjunct to the Order, save in a resort to a most doubtful expedient, would respectfully decline offering any suggestion as to the furtherance of the objects expressed in the resolution creating the committee. If, however, the powers of the committee are to be construed into the enlarged sense of weighing the degree in all its aspects, of determining its utility to the Order, and of deciding whether the

Order would not be better without it, they would go further, and offer for your consideration the following remarks, and for your adoption the appended resolution:

It is now some fourteen years since the Degree of Rebekah was adopted by this R. W. Body. That it would prove a valuable adjunct in the beneficent operations of the Order was fondly hoped and confidently predicted by its friends. Experience, that infallible test of all things, has measured its utility and gauged its pretensions, and the result is that the voice of the Brotherhood has pronounced the degree a failure, so far at least as regards its claims as an auxilliary to the practical working of Odd Fellowship.

This statement may be considered sweeping, but the facts, your committee believe, will fully sustain its truth.

The history of the degree shows, that after the novelty attendant upon all new and attractive projects had worn off, the ratio of ladies taking the degree, to those entitled to receive it, was of a most insignificant character. This, while true to a certain extent in all jurisdictions, is much more marked in some, than in others.

In many States, the degree is an absolute nullity, and your committee believe that it is so in a large majority of them.

An apparent exception exists to these remarks in a few jurisdictions, where a strong effort is now being made, by some zealous members of the Order, to turn the degree to a practical account.

A close examination, however, will reveal the fact that in these jurisdictions the semblance to life has been infused and is maintained by a complete departure from the mode of working laid down by this R. W. Grand Lodge, and by the assumption of just such powers as your committee fear to recommend for your adoption.

Your committee have no desire to pursue this matter further, through motives of pure expediency, but, considering that the facts herein set forth fully establish the utter inutility of the degree for any practical purpose, and simply as a principle that that which is useless, and cannot be made useful to the Order, is a superfluous incumbrance, would recommend for your adoption the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Degree of Rebekah be and is hereby abolished by the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States. Respectfully submitted,

C. A. LOGAN,
ISAAC M. VEITCH,
J. P. SANDERS,
B. S. MERRIAM.

On motion, leave was granted to Rep. FITZHUGH, of Virginia, to withdraw from the files the petition of the Subordinate Lodges of West Virginia for a Grand Lodge, made at the session of 1863.

When he presented the same again, which was referred to the Committee on Petitions.

Rep. TERWILLIGER, of Northern New York, presented the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Northern New York in reference to the union of the two Grand Lodges in the State of New York, and moved that so much as relates to the enactment and the resolutions of the two Grand bodies be referred to the Legislative Committee, and that the Constitution be referred to the Committee on Constitutions, which was adopted.

Rep. WHITE, of Northern New York, presented the proceedings of the Grand Encampment of Northern New York with reference to the union of the two Grand Encampments of that State, and moved that so much thereof as relates to the enactment and the resolutions be referred to the Legislative Committee, and that the Constitution be referred to the Committee on Constitutions.

Rep. RANSOM, of Kentucky, moved the following resolution, which was, on motion of Rep. BURNHAM, of Maine, referred to the Committee on Credentials:

WHEREAS it appears that the certificate of election of JOHN F. FISK, Grand Rep. from the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, has not been received by the Secretary, and whereas it is known to the other Representatives of Kentucky that JOHN F. FISK was duly elected by the Grand Lodge of Kentucky. Therefore *Resolved*, That JOHN F. FISK be admitted to this Lodge as a Representative from the State of Kentucky.

On motion of Rep. BARRY, of Indiana, the jurisdictions were called in their order of seniority for business, when

Rep. SWANTON, of Southern New York, presented certain papers from the Grand Lodge of Southern New York in reference to the union of the two Grand Lodges in New York, which were referred to the Legislative Committee.

P. G. Sire NICHOLSON, from the Special Committee appointed to wait on the President of the United States, to invite him to be present at the celebration on the 20th instant, moved the following resolution:

Resolved, That the invitation to the President of the United States to be present at the unveiling of the Statue of Charity, on Wednesday next, be and is hereby extended to include the Members of the Cabinet, and that the committee on that subject be charged to express the desire of the Grand Lodge to be honoured with the presence of the Heads of the Departments, in company with His Excellency the President of the United States.

Rep. DAVIES, of Southern New York, presented certain papers from the Grand Encampment of Southern New York in reference to the union of the two Grand Encampments of New York, which were referred to the Legislative Committee.

Rep. DAVIES, of Southern New York, presented the appeal of P. C. P. PRUDEN, of that jurisdiction, which was referred to the Committee on Appeals.

Rep. BARRY, of Indiana, rose in his place, and addressed the Lodge as follows:

MOST WORTHY GRAND SIRE: In announcing, as I now do, the death of WILLIAM H. DIXON, recently one of the Representatives from the Grand Lodge of Indiana, I perform not merely an assigned duty, in a formal ceremony, un-

moved and without sorrow, but I do it under a sense of bereavement and regret, second only to that of his family and nearest relatives.

The jurisdiction of Indiana has lost, in the death of Past Grand Master and Past Grand Representative WILLIAM H. DIXON, one of its most faithful, efficient, respected and beloved officers.

It is well that this system of announcing the death of its members, by one of the immediate friends of the deceased, has been adopted by this Grand Body; rather than, as heretofore, to leave the duty of offering a tribute of respect to their memory to a committee to whom the characteristics of the man, which made him lovely and beloved, were little known.

It is proper, also, that those who come after us should know, from our records, something of the peculiar traits of character and moral excellences of those to whom the interests and well being of our Order, in the past, were entrusted.

Bro. DIXON died at his residence, in the city of Jeffersonville, Indiana, on the 3d day of April, 1865, in the 41st year of his age.

He was present at the previous communication of the Grand Body, in impaired health; and, in consequence thereof, was compelled to leave before its close, to seek a tranquil death in the bosom of his beloved family, and among kind friends, to whom he was greatly endeared.

His ardent, sincere temperament—his honest nature, generous impulses, peculiarly fitted him to become an Odd Fellow; and he joined our Order in 1850. His education, matured and completed in one of the highest colleges of his State, soon gave him eminence among his brethren, and placed him prominently before the Order as a wise counsellor, a judicious and conservative legislator. In 1851 he was admitted a member of his State Grand Lodge. In 1860, he was elected Deputy Grand Master; and in 1861 he was chosen Grand Master. His fidelity, energy, and success in these several positions, especially in that of Grand Master, at the eventful time in our country's history when civil commotion threatened to impede the efficiency and impair the stability of our cherished Order in his own state—his executive ability, his wisdom, courage and prudence throughout that trying ordeal secured, as a testimonial of the appreciation of his brethren, his election to this Grand Body; the highest honor it was possible for his State Grand Lodge to bestow. It was in the discharge of his duties as Grand Representative that death—invidious death—claimed him for his own.

I have thus spoken of him in the relations he sustained to our Order; but, language would fail to express what was due to his private and public worth. He was a successful merchant, not in the accumulation of wealth, for he died comparatively poor. He possessed natural abilities of a very high order; a keen, sagacious, and discriminating mind, with unsullied integrity. These characteristics made their way to the hearts of the people with whom his lot was cast. There his strict business habits, his active industry, his disinterested friendship, his enlarged benevolence and philanthropy, and his patriotic devotion, gave him an enviable standing and popularity. In all the relations of life he was amiable, affectionate, and kind,—a devoted husband and son, as the abiding sorrow of the stricken wife and aged widowed and disconsolate mother so feelingly attest.

Those who knew him intimately will long mourn his loss; those whose Representative he had been will long remember his devotion to their interests, and be fortunate, indeed, if they find his equal—not his equal in mere attainments, not his equal in mere talent—these are but the gilding that ornament the exterior; the real substance, the reliable quality of the representative, is the moral character that lies beneath.

He has been taken from us in the midst of his usefulness. It becomes us to believe, however, that his course has been terminated for wise purposes, which we know not now, but shall know hereafter. His labors were closed when his intellectual sun was on the meridian; but his services have been sufficient so to illustrate his character that he may serve as a model worthy our imitation.

I have brought this poor offering to his memory in the name of friendship, and leave it to time and to the remembrance of his many excellences to award a more deserving tribute.

Rep. JONES, of Massachusetts, from the Committee on Credentials, made the following report, which was adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Credentials upon the resolution offered by Representative RANSOM from Kentucky, respectfully report, that they have carefully examined the case and find that P. G. M. FISKE was duly elected a Representative from the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, and therefore recommend that he be admitted to a seat in this R. W. Grand Body.

JOS. S. JONES.
J. W. SMITH.
MYER STERN.
J. D. POLLARD.
JOHN F. HAVENNER.

The committee have examined the certificate of P. G. M. HENRY B. ANDREWS, of Texas, and find the same to be correct, and therefore recommend his admission.

JOS. S. JONES.
MYER STERN.
J. W. SMITH.
J. D. POLLARD.
JOHN F. HAVENNER.

The Grand Secretary, presented the appeal of P. G. JACOBS, of South Carolina, which was referred to the Committee on Appeals.

Rep. GRANNISS, of Georgia, presented the following paper from the Grand Lodge of Georgia, which was referred to the Legislative Committee:

The following Resolutions were adopted at a Special Session of the Right Worthy Grand Lodge of the state of Georgia, I. O. O.F., held in the city of Macon, August 2, 1865.

Resolved, That the Representatives to the Grand Lodge of the United States be requested to inquire into the practicability of having the degrees in the Order illustrated with the emblems and explanations attached.

Resolved, That they suggest the necessity of having the degrees of Rebekah bound in the same book and illustrated in the same style of the other degrees.

A true extract from the minutes of the Grand Lodge I. O. O. F., of Georgia.

GEO. R. BARKER, Grand Scribe.

Rep. PAGE, of Wisconsin, rose in his place and addressed the Lodge as follows:

MOST WORTHY GRAND SIRE: To one whose long established habit has frequently brought him with each returning season to these annual communications, and to the enjoyment of social intercourse with the many genial spirits who have been wont to assemble here, a painful melancholy often steals over him as he looks about for some loved face that he remembers with emotions of pleasure, and is told in sadness that his friend is no longer here, but has gone to his eternal rest. Thus, following in swift succession, has passed before us to the spirit-world a long procession of our former associates and fellow laborers, and year

by year are we reminded that yet another link is broken, another brother gone.

"Around us each dissevered chain
In sparkling ruin lies,
And earthly hands can ne'er again
Unite those broken ties."

It is a commendable and gratifying practice for this Grand Lodge to signalize its appreciation of departed worth by making honorable record of the virtues of its dead. I come, Sir, in sorrow, to-day, to write another name on that dark tablet.

Past Grand CHARLES BILLINGHURST, four years a Representative in this Grand Lodge from the State of Wisconsin, died August 18, A. D., 1865.

For many years this sad event had been looked for by our brother and dreaded by his friends; yet his protracted illness and suffering did not in the least impair his energy or paralyze his efforts for good.

He loved God, and exemplified that affection in a well ordered and blameless life.

He loved his fellows, in that he thought the noblest occupation of man is in making others happy. For this he lived and labored.

"His life was gentle." Gifted with one of those happy temperaments which always beget sympathy and never provoke animosity, he was able to pass through all the sharp struggles attendant on a long professional and political career without bitterness, to live in peace with all, and died without one personal enemy.

His State repeatedly conferred upon him distinguished honors, and every public trust was faithfully executed.

But it was in the social and domestic relations, in the private intercourse of his life, that his traits of excellence were so apparent as to win the personal affection and undying love of all who knew him. Such will never forget to mourn the kind husband, fond father, true friend, and good man.

Rep. LEECH, of Iowa, moved the following resolution, which was referred to the Committee on Printing:

Resolved, That the Committee on Printing be and are hereby directed to inquire into and report upon the expediency of having our Public Installation Books printed in the German Language.

Rep. HILL, of California, moved the following resolution, which was adopted:

WHEREAS it has been alleged by the representatives of sundry German Lodges that the translation of the Work of the Order in the German language is very imperfect, therefore

Resolved, That said translation be referred to a select committee of five, whose duty it shall be to examine and revise the same, and report the result of their work to the next annual communication of the R. W. Grand Lodge.

Rep. LAMBERTON, of Pennsylvania, from the Legislative Committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table, under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Legislative Committee, to whom was referred so much of the Annual Report of the M. W. Grand Sire as suggests special provision in relation to irregular cards issued in some of the Southern jurisdictions, have considered the same, and would respectfully report:

That they concur with the M. W. Grand Sire in the propriety of some legislation to make available the cards issued by the Southern jurisdictions in good faith during the troublous times when mail communication had ceased between them and the North. Your committee therefore recommend the adoption of the following:

Resolved, That visiting and withdrawal Cards heretofore issued by any Southern jurisdiction, countersigned by the Grand Secretary and attested by the seal of the Grand Body issuing the same, shall be taken and deemed to be as effectual as if the same had borne the counter signature, or a *fac simile* thereof, of the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of the United States.

R. A. LAMBERTON.
EDW. H. FITZHUGH.
J. GRISWOLD.
E. H. BARRY.
H. L. PAGE.

Rep. STERN, of Southern New York, presented the following remonstrance from a minority of the P. G's of the Grand Lodge of Southern New York, against the proceedings of that Grand Body authorizing a union with the Grand Lodge of Northern New York, which was referred to the Legislative Committee:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, I. O. O. F.:

The undersigned, Past Grands in membership in Lodges under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Southern New York, I. O. O. F., and who were present at the annual session of the said Grand Lodge held on August 2d, 1865, and who took part in the proceedings that then took place, respectfully REMONSTRATE against the action then recorded to have been the proceedings of said Grand Lodge of Southern New York, in the following particulars, namely:

1st. That the report of a committee, presented at the May session, involving and providing for numerous amendments to the Constitution of the said Grand Lodge, was, by a majority vote, taken up for final action in direct violation of the 7th Article of the Constitution of said Grand Lodge.

2d. That when the report containing the amendments to the Constitution was thus, in violation of article VII of the Constitution, brought to a vote, it failed to receive a vote of two-thirds of the Lodges present, as required by clause 3 of said Article VII of the Constitution. The vote being 134 in the affirmative, and 78 in the negative, as recorded.

The undersigned therefore *protest* against any action on the part of the Grand Lodge of the United States confirmatory of the foregoing violations of said Constitution, and pray that the whole subject, so far as the Grand Lodge of Southern New York is concerned, be referred to that body for final action at its annual session of 1866, in conformity with the provisions of the Constitution of said Grand Lodge.

ARCHIBALD COWAN, Howard Lodge, No. 60; GUSTAVUS LEWECK, German Oak Lodge, No. 82; HERMANN KOLL, Schiller Lodge, No. 129; RICHARD NAUMAUN, Schiller Lodge, No. 129; TAPAN G. SCHROFF, Schiller Lodge, No. 129; THEODORE FROMENT, Lodge, No. 36; WM. H. YOUNG, Stranger's Refuge Lodge, No. 4; GEORGE BERNIUS, Lodge 439; FERDINAND STISTLIG, Lodge 439; FRIED. UNLENDORF, Lodge No. 13; J. KIEK, Lodge No. 13; J. GOGGOLZ, Lodge No. 13.

Rep. BARRY, of Indiana, moved the following resolution, which was referred to the Committee on Finance:

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be authorized to have the ceremonies of Public Installation translated and printed in the German language.

Rep. GRISWOLD, of Illinois, laid on the table, the following amendment to the Constitution:

Amend article xvi, section 4, by striking therefrom the last five lines of said section 4, being all after and inclusive of the words "*Provided, however.*"

Seconded by

Rep. PAGE, of Wisconsin.
W. C. CHIDSEY, of Ohio.
A. H. RANSOM, of Kentucky.

Rep. BUELL, of N. Hampshire, rose in his place, and addressed the Lodge, as follows:

Most Worthy Grand Sire:

Upon me devolves the sad and painful duty of announcing to this Grand Body the death of Past Grand Representative from the Grand Encampment of New Hampshire, HENRY STEEL.

I do not propose to pronounce any eulogy upon the character and services of our departed brother, but merely to announce his death here, that his name may be placed upon the obituary tablet beside those honored names that have gone before him.

Brother STEEL was one of the early pioneers of our Order in New Hampshire, and his constant and regular attendance upon his Subordinate and Grand Lodge meetings—the zeal and integrity which characterized all of his acts and labors in our noble cause—early won for him the highest regards and affections of his brethren, by whom he was elected in 1853, at the early age of thirty, to represent the Grand Encampment of New Hampshire in this Right Worthy Grand Lodge.

He died at Petersburgh, his native town, in that State, February 21, 1865, after a lingering illness of consumption, at the age of forty-two years.

Rep. HOPKINS, of Pennsylvania, submitted the following inquiry, which was referred to the Committee on the State of the Order:

Query. "A Grand Lodge chartered by this Grand Lodge is required to meet at a certain place therein named." Is, or is not, the place designated in the charter the seat of its Grand Lodge until a new place has been selected by the Grand Lodge and approved by this Grand Lodge?

Rep. GAREY, of Maryland, moved the following preamble and resolutions, which were referred to the Legislative Committee:

WHEREAS a very large number of persons formerly affiliated with this Order have been suspended from the same for the non-payment of dues, and cannot be reinstated into membership by reason of advanced age or bodily infirmity under our present laws: Therefore,

Resolved, That the State Grand Lodges and Encampments under this jurisdiction be hereby fully authorized to allow their respective Subordinate Lodges and Encampments to receive into honorary membership such persons as may, from time to time, have been suspended therefrom for non-payment of dues, and who cannot now be reinstated into the Order by reason of bodily infirmity or advanced age on the part of such persons: subject to such conditions and restrictions as said State Grand Bodies may see fit to impose and not at variance with the general laws of the order.

Resolved, That where the authority granted in the foregoing resolution may be conferred by any State Grand Body upon its Subordinates, a provision may be made that a suspended brother may unite himself with any Subordinate Lodge or Encampment convenient to his place of residence, due notice of his application thereto having been first given to the Lodge or Encampment by which he has been suspended.

Rep. GAREY, of Maryland, presented the following communication, when, on motion of Rep. BURNHAM, of Maine, the invitation extended was accepted:

BALTIMORE, Sept. 18th, 1865.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States.

DEAR SIRS AND BROTHERS: I propose by your permission to take a sitting of all your members with a view of forming a group. If this proposition meets with your concurrence as a Body, I would most respectfully invite a sitting from each individual member, to enable me to get up the proper size photograph for that purpose.

It is hardly necessary for me to add that my intentions are to present the same to your Grand Body, in order that it may assist in the decoration of your meeting room, and as a reference to the first meeting of the Representatives from all the States of the Union, after a separation of four years, by the terrible strife through which we have but recently passed.

Fraternally yours,
P. LENFIELD PERKINS.

Rep. TERWILLIGER, of Northern New York, moved the following resolution, which was agreed to:

That at one o'clock P. M. this day the Grand Lodge will go into secret session for the purpose of receiving the printed report of the Committee on the Revision of the Work, and taking action thereon.

On motion the Lodge now agreed to recede from work, until 12½ o'clock.

12½ O'CLOCK.

The Lodge reassembled pursuant to the order for recess.

The Grand Secretary presented the following communication, which was unanimously accepted:

PEABODY INSTITUTE,
Baltimore Sept. 18th, 1865.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States I. O. O. F.

GENTLEMEN: The Board of Trustees of the Peabody Institute very respectfully and cordially invite the M. W. Grand Sire, Officers, and Members of your Body to visit this institution at any time during your sojourn in this city that may suit your convenience.

I have the honor to be, gentlemen, with the highest consideration, yours &c.
JOHN P. KENNEDY, President Peabody Institute.

Rep. LEECH, of Iowa, laid on the table the following amendment to the Constitution:

Amend article 7, section 1, of the Constitution by striking out in the third line the words "by the Grand Sire, attested," and in the fourth line the words "under seal of the Grand Lodge."

ERIE J. LEECH.
JAS. TERWILLIGER.
C. A. LOGAN.
J. GRISWOLD.

Rep. FARNSWORTH, of Tennessee, moved that the resolution adopted this morning, making the report of the Committee on Revision the special order for one o'clock, be reconsidered, which was agreed to, and the question being again on the resolntion to make the report of the Committee on Revision the special order for one o'clock—

Rep. CAMPBELL, of Indiana, moved to amend the resolution by striking out "one o'clock this day," and inserting "Thursday morning at ten o'clock," which was agreed to, and the resolution as amended was adopted.

Rep. LATHAM, of Virginia, moved the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the R. W. D. Grand Sire be directed to grant to Grand Commissioner THOS. G. STEELE, of West Virginia, the privilege of access to the Secret Journal and Book of Diagrams during this session of the Grand Lodge.

Rep. BURNHAM, of Maine, from the Committee on Finance, made the following report:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Finance recommend that the per diem for the session be five dollars, and that the mileage be five cents per mile, and that the same be calculated from the nearest mail route, unless it may appear to the Committee on Mileage and Per Diem that there is a nearer travelled route, in which case the travelled route shall take precedence.

EDWARD P. BURNHAM.
THEO. A. ROSS.
JAS. TERWILLIGER.

On motion of Rep. HILL, of California, the rule was suspended, and the report was considered.

Rep. THOMPSON, of Missouri, moved to amend the report by striking out "five cents," and inserting "four cents," which was resolved in the negative.

The question recurring, on the adoption of the report, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Rep. BURWELL, of Connecticut, from the Committee on Grand Bodies not represented, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

Your Committee on Grand Bodies not represented would submit that they find but two jurisdictions not represented at this session viz: Florida and North Carolina; and from correspondence from these jurisdictions we find that although they are not sufficiently complete to participate in the deliberations of this session, yet were it not for the death of the Worthy Grand Master, Brother CLARK, of North Carolina, and the insufficiency of time after his demise, that jurisdiction would have been represented at this session—we have the best

assurance that every jurisdiction will be fully prepared to be represented at the next annual communication of this R. W. Grand Lodge.

Your committee would offer the following resolution

Resolved, That the Right Worthy Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary forward to the Representatives of Grand Bodies under the jurisdiction of this Right Worthy Grand Lodge, who are absent from this session, the same number of copies of proceedings and other documents furnished the representatives of this R. W. Grand Body, and shall also furnish the same number of copies of proceedings and other documents as are furnished to the Grand Secretaries of such Grand Bodies as are represented at this session.

Respectfullly submitted,

D. E. BURWELL,
T. P. FLEMING,
H. MILLSPAUGH,
HENRY ARMINGTON
SEWALL MORSE.

On motion of Rep. LAMBERTON, of Pennsylvania the amendment offered by him yesterday, page 3786, Journal, as follows, was considered:

Strike out of Art. XXII. of By-Laws, in 25th line, Digest, page 18, the words, "and aprons as above described," and add the words "trimmed with yellow lace or fringe:' so that so much of said By-Law as relates to the regalia of the Past Chief Patriarchs shall read as follows: "Past Chief Patriarchs shall wear purple collars or sashes trimmed with yellow lace or fringe."

The question being on the adoption of the amendment, it was unanimously agreed to, and the by-law was accordingly so amended.

Rep. ELLIS, of Maryland, moved the following resolution, which was referred to the Committee on the State of the Order:

Resolved, That the action of this Grand Body, at the session of 1859, on page 3116 of the Journal in adopting the report of the Legislative Committee, found on pages 3096 and 3097 of the Journal, and the resolution annexed thereto, amending the fourth Article of the By-Laws in relation to the character of petitions for Subordinate Lodges and Encampments, be held to be an alteration of the 5th article of said By-Laws in so far as the harmony of the two articles require, and that the said 5th article as embodied in the amended By-Laws annexed in the Digest be held to have been properly so embodied, and be declared to be the law of the Order.

Rep. TOWER, of Louisiana, submitted the following inquiry, which was referred to the Legislative Committee:

Are the officers and members of Subordinate Lodges and Encampments, when visiting another Lodge or Encampment in a body, and introduced by their own officers, entitled to be received with the "honors of the Order?"

Rep. STOKES, of Pennsylvania, from the Committee on the State of the Order, made the following report, and, the rule being suspended, the report was considered and adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on the State of the Order report: That since the reference of so much of the Annual Report of the M. W. Grand Sire as relates to the Grand Special Commission of Western Virginia, the petitions of the Lodges and Encampment in Western Virginia for Grand Bodies have been, with the approbation of the Representatives of the state of Virginia referred, to the Committee on

Petitions, with a view to final action by this Grand Lodge, the Committee therefore recommend the reference of the said subject to the Committee on Petitions.

Respectfully submitted,

J. W. STOKES,
FRED. D. STUART,
C. A. LOGAN,
JOS. B. ESCAVAILLE,
W. CHIDSEY.

Rep. STOKES, of Pennsylvania, from the same committee, made the following report, and, the rule being suspended, the report was considered and adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was referred so much of the Annual Report of the M. W. Grand Sire as relates to the report of the duties of the Commission to Vermont, report that the duties of the Commission have been performed with fidelity and with a reasonable degree of success, resulting so favorably in the encouragement of the Order in that jurisdiction as to prompt them to renewed efforts in sustaining their organization and providing for the settlement of their liabilities to this Grand Lodge and the presence of its Representatives on this floor at the present session. With the fond hope that the brethern of that jurisdiction will fully appreciate the interest this Grand Lodge has in maintaining their organization, and relying upon the watchful care of the Grand officers over the distant jurisdiction, recommend that the committee be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

Respectfully submitted,

J. W. STOKES,
FRED. D. STUART,
W. CHIDSEY,
C. A. LOGAN,
JOS. B. ESCAVAILLE.

Rep. BURNHAM, of Maine, from the Committee on Finance, made the following report:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Finance recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the Grand Lodge of the United States hereby remits the tax of the Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments of Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana, Texas, and of Grand Lodges of Florida, Arkansas, and Vermont, for the years 1861, '62, '63, 64.

Resolved, That the notes of Grand Lodge of Vermont for Representatiye tax for said four years, and notes of Grand Encampment of North Carolina given for taxes and supplies previous to 1861, be and hereby are cancelled.

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be, and hereby is, authorized to furnish, upon reasonable credit, to such institutions, whatever supplies he may deem necessary during the current year.

EDWARD P. BURNHAM.
JAS. TERWILLIGER.
DANIEL NORCROSS.
THO. COLEMAN.
THEO. A. ROSS.

On motion of Rep. LOGAN, of Kansas, the rule was suspended and the report was considered and unanimously adopted.

On motion of Rep. SIMPSON, of Pennsylvania, the Lodge adjourned until 9 o'clock, to-morrow morning.

WEDNESDAY, September 20, 1865—9 o'clock A. M.

The R. W. Grand Lodge assembled pursuant to adjournment. Present:

OFFICERS.

ISAAC M. VEITCH.....M. W. Grand Sire.
JAMES P. SANDERS.....R. W. Deputy Grand Sire.
JAMES L. RIDGELY.....R. W. Grand Cor. and Rec. Secretary.
JOSHUA VANSANT.....R. W. Grand Treasurer.
REV. I. D. WILLIAMSON.....R. W. Grand Chaplain.
JOSEPH KIDDER.....R. W. Grand Marshal.
AUGUSTUS PFAFF.....R. W. Grand Guardian.
JOHN E. CHAMBERLAIN.....R. W. Grand Messenger.

And a representation from a quorum of Grand Bodies.

Prayer by Rev. Bro. I. D. WILLIAMSON, R. W. Grand Chaplain.

The R. W. Deputy Grand Sire, having examined the Representatives, by order of the M. W. Grand Sire, declared the Lodge open for business.

Rep. GRISWOLD, of Illinois, moved the following preamble and resolutions, which were, on his motion, referred to the Legislative Committee:

WHEREAS it is a right and privilege inherent in every Subordinate Lodge or Encampment of this Order to elect who shall, and who shall not, compose its membership: and who are, and who are not, worthy of receiving the strongest recommendation within the ability of such Subordinates to bestow, viz: clearance or final cards:

And whereas,—the law governing the issuing of such final cards by Subordinates, as at first adopted, fully recognised this principle, (see Journal, 677,) but as it now stands it is an infringement upon the rights and privileges of Subordinates, inasmuch as it takes from them the power to say, in certain cases, who are not worthy to receive such cards, thus compelling them to go through the form of voting upon an application where the law says such vote *must* be in the affirmative, and not unfrequently causing the granting of cards where, had the Subordinate been free to exercise its own judgment, they would have been withheld:

Now, therefore, to the end that the best interests of the Order may be subserved, and that all Subordinate Lodges and Encampments may be fully protected in the enjoyment of their rights and privileges in the matter of granting or witholding final cards:

Resolved, That Subordinate Lodges and Encampments of this Order shall vote by ballot upon all applications for final cards, made in accordance with existing laws; and the affirmative vote of ———— of the members present shall be necessary to the granting of such cards.

Resolved, That any member whose application for a final card, may have been thus refused, upon the payment of all dues and tendering his written resignation, he not being otherwise disqualified, may receive from the Secretary or Scribe, under seal of the Lodge or Encampment, a receipt, stating the fact that such brother did resign at that time, free from charges of any kind; and such receipt shall be evidence in the Order that the brother left such Subordinate in good standing.

Rep. HARVEY, of Indiana, from the Committee on Petitions, made he following report, which was laid on the table, under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Petitions, to whom was referred so much of the report of the M. W. Grand Sire as relates to the restoration of the Charter of the Grand Encampment of Delaware, have considered the same, and recommend that the action of the M. W. Grand Sire in restoring said Charter be in all things approved and confirmed.

J. S. HARVEY,
ALEX. K. MANTZ,
WM. H. HOPKINS,
JAMES SMITH,
B. W. DENNIS.

Rep. HARVEY, of Indiana, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Petitions, to whom was referred so much of the report of the M. W. Grand Sire as states his issue of a warrant for the institution of Hesperian Encampment No. 2, at Omaha, Nebraska Territory, have examined the matter referred, and in the opinion of your committee, the action of the M. W. Grand Sire should be approved and confirmed by your Grand Body.

J. S. HARVEY.
B. W. DENNIS,
WM. H. HOPKINS,
JAMES SMITH,
ALEX. K. MANTZ.

Rep. DENNIS, of Michigan, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table, under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Petitions, to whom was referred so much of the report of the M. W. Grand Sire as relates to his grant of a warrant to institute a Lodge at Salt Lake City, Utah Territory, to be known as Utah Lodge, No. 1, respectfully report that they have considered the same, believe the action of the M. W. Grand Sire to be right, and recommend that the grant of said warrant be approved and confirmed by the Grand Lodge.

B. W. DENNIS,
J. S. HARVEY,
WM. H. HOPKINS,
ALEX. K. MANTZ,
JAMES SMITH.

Rep. HOPKINS, of Pennsylvania, from the Committee on Petitions, made the following report, which was laid on the table, under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Petitions, to whom was referred so much of the report of the M. W. Grand Sire as refers to granting of a warrant for a Lodge at Fort Monroe, to be hailed as Greble Lodge, No. 1, report, that they have examined the matter so referred, and recommend that the action of the M. W. Grand Sire

be approved and confirmed. And your Committee further recommend in accordance with the suggestion of the M. W. Grand Sire, that said Lodge be placed under the jurisdiction of the R. W. Grand Lodge of Virginia. They therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolution.

Resolved, That Greble Lodge, No. 1, at Fort Monroe, Virginia, be and the same is hereby placed under the jurisdiction of the R. W. Grand Lodge of Virginia.

WM. H. HOPKINS,
ALEX. K. MANTZ,
J. S. HARVEY,
JAMES SMITH,
B. W. DENNIS.

Rep. MANTZ, of Maryland, from the Committee on Petitions, made the following report, which was laid on the table, under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Petitions, to whom was referred the action of the M. W. Grand Sire in issuing a warrant for a Lodge at Hartford, West Virginia, to be known as Liberty Lodge, No. —, report that they have examined the subject, and recommend that the action of the M. W. Grand Sire in the premises be approved and confirmed.

ALEX. K. MANTZ,
J. S. HARVEY,
JAMES SMITH,
WM. H. HOPKINS,
B. W. DENNIS.

Rep. WOOD, of Rhode Island, rose in his place and addressed the Grand Lodge, as follows:

MOST WORTHY GRAND SIRE: I deem it a duty devolving upon me, at this time and place, to announce to this Grand Lodge the decease of P. G. Patriarch and P. G. Representative to this R. W. Grand Body, Henry L. Webster, from the Grand Encampment of Rhode Island. On the 25th day of November A. D. 1864, at the age of fifty-seven years, his body returned to dust, and his spirit to God who gave it.

He was initiated in Friendly Union Lodge, No. 1, Providence, Rhode Island, at its reorganization, in 1843, and from that day to the day of his death he inculcated and practiced the principles then engraven upon his mind and memory, and the pregnant words of Friendship, Love, and Truth were no unmeaning words in his vocabulary. For over twenty years he made it his special business to attend to his duties as connected with the Lodge and with the Order at large. His name was never missing on the weekly register until sickness prostrated his physical strength, and then his mind was with his Lodge. He was ever anxious to know what had been done at each Lodge meeting.

To those who know him, no eulogy of mine is necessary, and to those who knew him not, it will be sufficient to say that he was a faithful, earnest, and exemplary Odd Fellow, whose actions and example are worthy of all imitation.

After a life well spent he slept at peace with God, and in charity with all mankind. Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord, for they rest from their labors and their works do follow them.

Rep. WOOD, of Rhode Island, moved the following, which was referred to the Committee on the State of the Order:

WHEREAS a wide-spread misapprehension and misunderstanding exists in almost every State under this jurisdiction, as to the bearing, intent, and application of the Degree of Rebekah, be it therefore

Resolved, That the Legislative Committee be and are hereby instructed to define and set forth, in unmistakable terms, what is and ought to be its effect as applied to the legal working of a Subordinate Lodge, and more especially what is meant by a Lodge being in possession of the "Books and Work" of this degree.

Rep. Ross, of New Jersey, moved the following resolution, which was referred to the Committee on Constitutions:

Resolved, That the Committee on Constitutions, &c., be requested to examine Sec. 10, Art. 5, of Constitution of Grand Lodge of New Jersey, (which has already been approved by the Grand Lodge,) and report whether the same is in accordance with existing laws.

Rep. DONIPHAN, of Missouri, moved the following proceeding, which was referred to the Committee on the State of the Order:

As in section 18, page 89, of Digest appears the following: "Persons claiming to have been members of the Order who are unable to *satisfactorily* establish their claims can only be re-admitted by initiation; and such persons must set forth in their petitions that they have never been suspended or expelled from any Lodge, and they are unable to obtain evidence of their former connection with the Order."

Resolved, That the Committee on the State of the Order be instructed to report, by resolution or otherwise, what constitutes satisfactory evidence of former connection with the Order.

Rep. MANTZ, of Maryland, from the Committee on unfinished business, made the following report, which was laid on the table, under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on "unfinished business" of the last session respectfully report:

That they have examined the Journal of 1864 and find the following matters of unfinished business requiring your consideration:

1st.—The several amendments to the Constitution, submitted at the various sessions inclusive, from 1860 to 1863, to be found in the appendix to the Journal, compiled by the Grand Secretary under your orders, pages 3744, 45, 46 and 47, the consideration of which, on various motions found on page 3678, was postponed to the present session.

2d.—The additional amendments submitted at the last session, to-wit:

One, by Rep. MERRIAM, of Iowa, found on pages 3710 and 3711: One, by Rep. BURNHAM, of Maine, found on page 3713: One, by Rep. LOGAN, of Kansas, found on page 3725: And one, by Rep. THOMPSON, of Missouri, found on page 3725.

3d.—Amendments to the By-Laws: One offered by Rep. RUCKER, of Illinois, found on page 3706: One by Rep. SLATER, of Ohio, found on pages 3700 and 3734.

ALEX. K. MANTZ.
WM. E. FORD,
C. A. MARVIN,
ED. SWANTON,
JAMES STRATTON.

Rep. SMITH, of Canada West, from the Committee on Petitions, made the following report, which was laid on the table, under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Petitions to whom was referred so much of the report of the M. W. Grand Sire as relates to his action in granting a warrant for the institution of a Lodge at Central City, Colorado Territory, to be known as Rocky Mountain Lodge, No. 2, have considered the same, and recommend that the action of the M. W. Grand Sire in issuing or granting of the warrant be in all things approved and confirmed.

JAMES SMITH,
WM. H. HOPKINS,
J. S. HARVEY,
ALEX. K. MANTZ,
B. W. DENNIS.

Rep. BURNHAM, of Maine, from the Committee on Finance, made the following report, which was laid on the table, under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee of Finance recommend that the G. Treasurer be authorized to receive notes for the tax due this year from such of the Jurisdictions unrepresented for the past four years as their situation may require.

EDWARD P. BURNHAM.
THEO. A. ROSS,
JAS. TERWILLIGER,
DANIEL NORCROSS,
THEO. C. COLEMAN.

Rep. GRISWOLD, of Illinois, moved the following resolution, which, on motion of Rep. TERWILLIGER, of Northern New York, was referred to the Committee on Finance:

Resolved, That the R. W. Grand Secretary have bound up ready for sale —— number of copies of volume 4 of the Journal of this Grand Lodge; and that the same be furnished to applicants at the same price per volume as is now charged for the volumes of the full setts.

Rep. TERWILLIGER, of Northern New York, moved the following resolution:

Resolved, That when the Grand Lodge takes a recess this morning, it be until 7½ o'clock this evening.

Rep. SLATER, of Ohio, moved to amend the resolution by striking out "7 o'clock," and inserting "5 o'clock," which was resolved in the negative.

The question recurring upon the motion of Rep. TERWILLIGER, of Northern New York—

Rep. RANSOM, of Kentucky, moved to amend by striking out "7 o'clock this evening," and inserting "9 o'clock to-morrow morning," which was agreed to, and the resolution as amended, was adopted.

Rep. KIRKUP, of Ohio, submitted the following inquiry, which was referred to the Committee on the State of the Order:

"If a brother be expelled from his Lodge, either for non-payment of dues or crime, and subsequently the Lodge which expelled him becomes extinct, can said brother regain membership, and, if so, by what process?"

Rep. KIRKUP, of Ohio, presented the following proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Ohio, which, on his motion, were referred to the Committee on Constitutions:

I. O. O. F.

[SEAL.] R. W. GRAND LODGE OF OHIO.

Office of the Grand Secretary,
Toledo, Aug. 29, 1865.

I certify that the annexed extracts from the Journal of the R. W. Grand Lodge of Ohio, at its May Session, 1865, are true copies from the record.

W. C. EARL, *Grand Secretary.*

The following amendments to the Constitution of the R. W. Grand Lodge of Ohio were also adopted, viz:

Section 5, Article 5, of the Constitution was amended by striking out "eight hundred" and inserting "one thousand", so as to make the salary of the Grand Secretary "one thousand dollars".

Article 6, Section 1, was so amended as to read: "All travelling expenses incurred by him (the D. D. G. M.) in the performance of his duties will be defrayed by the Grand Lodge".

On motion of Rep. LAMBERTON, of Pennsylvania, the Lodge agreed to consider the report of the Legislative Committee, (page 3800,) on the subject of cards issued in the Southern Jurisdictions.

When, on motion of Rep. TERWILLIGER, of Northern New York, the report was adopted.

Rep. DONIPHAN, of Missouri, rose in his place and addressed the Lodge as follows:

Oppressed with feelings of more than ordinary sorrow, I rise to announce to this Grand body the decease of P. G. Representative WM. H. REMINGTON, of the jurisdiction of Missouri. The recent period at which the angel of death passed the portals of time, bearing all that was mortal of our beloved brother to the unseen presence, adds to the poignancy of the grief which to-day saddens my heart. Taken upon the dawn of the reunion of our Order, that he so anxiously awaited and desired to see in the flesh, and which has so happily culminated at this Grand Communication, its solemn admonition cannot pass unheeded.

As a man and a brother, as a husband and a father, as a friend and a philanthropist, his duties were discharged in a manner to win the welcome plaudits of "well done, good and faithful servant." And while we drop the tear of sympathy over his tomb, may we not indulge the fond consolation that his spirit to-day, purified by the beatitude of the INFINITE PRESENCE, comes out to us as far as immortal can with mortal affiliation, to rejoice with us at the glorious future for Odd-Fellowship which now so brightly dawns upon us.

The deceased was one whose daily walk exemplified through life purely the perfection of our beloved Order. Unambitious but to perform all the behests of duty in the spirit of a true Odd Fellow, his modest worth shrank from public or official recognition of his merit and faithfulness; but the Order in Missouri needed too much such spirits to battle for empire in the young State to long respect his scruples, and in 1843 he was elected Grand Master of the State.

In 1851, 1852, 1855 and 1856, he represented the Grand Encampment of that State on this floor. Time and again was he called by the partiality of the Grand Encampment to preside as Grand Patriarch, and as Grand Representative of his state. For more than thirty years he lived identified with and in the practice of the virtues of Friendship, Love, and Truth. When the dread summons

came, he was found with the harness of duty still on. Panoplied with the faith of a christian and the hope of a philanthropist, he calmly trod the unknown shore, and, in the full enjoyment of reason and hope, passed to his reward, as we fondly believe, in a better world, at the age of fifty-eight years, on the 4th of September, 1865.

On motion of Rep. HILL, of California, the Lodge adjourned until to-morrow morning, at 9 o'clock.

THURSDAY, September 21, 1865, 9 o'clock A. M.

The R. W. Grand Lodge assembled this day pursuant to adjournment. Present:

OFFICERS.

ISAAC M. VEITCH..... M. W. Grand Sire.
JAMES P. SANDERS.....R. W. Deputy Grand Sire.
JAMES L. RIDGELY.....R. W. Grand Cor. and Rec. Secretary.
JOSHUA VANSANT.....R. W. Grand Treasurer.
REV. I. D. WILLIAMSON.....R. W. Grand Chaplain.
JOSEPH KIDDER.....R. W. Grand Marshal.
AUGUSTUS PFAFF.....R. W. Grand Guardian.
JOHN E. CHAMBERLAIN.....R. W. Grand Messenger.

And a quorum of Grand Bodies.

The Deputy Grand Sire, having examined the Representatives, by order of the M. W. Grand Sire declared the Grand Lodge duly opened for the transaction of business.

On motion of Rep. HILL, of California; the reading of the Journal of yesterday was dispensed with.

The R. W. Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary presented his Supplemental Report, as follows, which was referred to the Committee on Finance:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Corresponding and Recording Secretary respectfully submits the following supplementary report;

SUPPLEMENTARY STATEMENT *of Receipts of Grand Secretary after the close of the Annual Report up to and including September* 18, 1865.

GRAND LODGES	Balances.	Cards.	Books.	Odes.	Miscellaneous.	Representative tax.	Total.
Illinois	.....	$150 00	$30 00	$20 00	.....	.....	$200 00
Kansas	.....	50 00	.....	.....	.....	$75 00	125 00
Michigan	.....	75 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	75 00
Maine	.....	10 00	.....	.....	.....	150 00	160 00
Pennsylvania	.....	125 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	125 00
Vermont	$300 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	75 00	375 00
Delaware	.....	7 25	14 00	.....	15	.....	21 40
District of Col.	.....	81 25	74 60	.....	.....	150 00	305 85
Canada West	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	75 00	75 00
Rhode Island	.....	37 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	37 50
Tennessee	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	150 00	150 00
	$300 00	$536 00	$118 60	$20 00	15	$675 00	$1,649 75

SUPPLEMENTARY STATEMENT.—Continued.

GRAND ENCAMPMENTS.	Books.	Miscellaneous	Rep. Tax.	Total.
Grand Encampment of Maine	.....	.....	$70 00	$70 00
Grand Encampment District of Colum.	.....	09	75 00	75 09
Grand Encampment of Pennsylvania	$36 00	.....	.....	36 00
Grand Encampment of Tennessee	.....	.....	75 00	75 00
Grand Encampment of Missouri	.....	.....	75 00	75 00
	$36 00	09	$295 00	$331 09

SUPPLEMENTARY STATEMENT—Continued.

	Dues.	Cards.	Books.	Odes.	Total.
Ridgely Encamp't, No. 1, Nebraska	$1 85	.....	.....	.....	$1 85
Hesperian Encamp't, No. 2, Nebraska	36 21	.....	.....	.....	36 21
Paradise Lodge, No. 2, New Mexico	128 90	.....	.....	.....	128 90
Union Encamp't, No. 1, Canada West	7 40	.....	.....	.....	7 40
Thomas G. Steele, of West Virginia	.....	44 50	16 00	6 25	66 75
Frontier Lodge, No. 3, Arkansas	.....	10 00	.....	.....	10 00
Wm. P. Buell, of New Hampshire	.....	.....	2 00	.....	2 00
Isaac Staab, of New Mexico	.....	.....	2 00	.....	2 00
	$174 36	$54 50	$20 00	$6 25	$255 11

STOCK ACCOUNT.

Supplies on hand September 7, 1864, *amount received since, amount sold during the year, and amount on hand September* 18, 1865.

	Cards.	Degree of Rebekah.	Charge Books.	Degree Books.	Installation Books.	Institution Books.	Grand Lodge Books.	Encampment Books.	Grand Encam't Books.	Diplomas.	Odes.	Funeral Ceremonies.	Revised Journal.	Digest.	Forms for Degree Lodges.
On hand Sep. 7, 1864. Received during the year.	9,266	609	815	825	103	258	57	971	32	523	6373	485	963		7049
	20,000	. ..	400	....	. ..	. ..	..	....	..	1000	....	. ..	457	1500	....
Total.....	29,266	609	1215	825	103	258	57	971	32	1523	6373	485	1420	1500	7049
Sold du'ng year.	27,277	157	639	151	24	15		183	3	860	4890	2	306	1012	210
On hand Sep. 18, 1856.....	1,989	452	576	674	79	243	57	788	29	663	1483	483	1114	488	6839

Amount of Supplies sold from September 7, 1864, *to September* 18, 1865, *showing the cost of each article, selling price, and profits.*

No. of each Article Sold.		Sold for.	Cost.	Profit.
Charge Books, sold 631, furnished new Lodges 8.....	639	$1,890 00	$178 84	$1,711 16
Cards, sold 27,277.....		6,929 25	360 08	6,569 17
Degree Books, sold 143, furnished new Lodges 8.....	151	429 00	25 67	403 33
Forms for Degree Lodges, sold 210....		21 00	1 05	19 95
Odes, sold, 4890.....		489 00	48 90	440 10
Encampment Books, sold 177, furnished new Encampment 6.....	183	531 00	45 75	485 25
Diplomas, sold 860.....		912 44	154 80	757 64
Degree of Rebekah Books, sold 155 furnished new Lodge 2	157	310 60	19 40	290 60
Installation Books, sold 24.....		48 00	2 64	45 36
Funeral Ceremonies, sold 2.....		2 00	08	1 92
Grand Encampment Books, sold 3.....		9 00	.....	9 00
Institution Books, sold 13, furnished D. D. G. Sires, 2.....	15	26 00	2 55	23 45
Revised Journal, sold 118 vols., per Resolution G. L. U. S. 188.....	306	365 00	.....	.....
Digests, sold 889, per Resolution G. L. U. S. 123.....	1012	1,392 00	.....	.....
		$13,353 69	$778 33	$10,756 43

TOTAL RECEIPTS.

Representative Tax	Statement	$4,950 00	
	Supplementary	979 00	
			$5,920 00
Cards	Statement	5,389 75	
	Supplementary	590 50	
			5.980 25
Books	Statement	4,293 90	
	Supplementary	174 60	
			4,468 50
Diplomas	Statement	956 19	
			956 19
Dues	Statement	264 78	
	Supplementary	174 36	
			439 14
Odes	Statement	412 80	
	Supplementary	26 25	
			439 05
Balance	Statement	125 00	
	Supplementary	300 00	
			425 00
Miscellaneous	Statement	388 66	
	Supplementary	24	
			388 90
Charters	Statement	150 00	
			150 00
			$19,167 03

WILDEY MONUMENT FUND.

Michigan	$9 20
New Jersey	10 00
New Hampshire	75 21
Illinois	7 50
Canada West	21 75
Pennsylvania	700 00
West Virginia	75 00
Kentucky	7 00
	$905 66

Total Wildey Monument Fund.

Statement	$4,418 70
Supplementary	905 66
	$5,324 36

Respectfully submitted,
JAMES L. RIDGELY, *C. & R. Sec.*

Rep. Escavaille, of Maryland, presented the appeal of Jerusalem Encampment, No. 1, of Maryland, from a decision of the Grand Encampment of Maryland, which was referred to the Committee on Appeals.

Rep. LEECH, of Iowa, from the Committee on Constitutions, made the following report, which was laid on the table, under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Constitutions, to whom was referred the amendment of the Grand Encampment of Ohio, which is as follows, "amend section 2, article 6, by striking out the words "whose duty it shall be during the month of March," and insert the words "who shall forthwith," have examined the same, and as the change does not conflict with any existing law, we recommend the approval thereof. Respectfully submitted.

ERIE J. LEECH.
IRA C. DOE.
JOHN P. FOSS.
E. C. GRANNISS.
HENRY F. GAREY.

Also, from the same committee, the following report, which was laid on the table, under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Constitutions have had their attention called to section ten of article five of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of New Jersey. The latter clause of that section reads as follows: "When officially visiting the Subordinates of the district, the D. D. Grand Masters shall be received with the honors of the Order."

This Constitution was approved by the Grand Lodge at its session in 1858. (See pages 2941, 2970, Revised Journal.) In this action, we think, the committee and the Grand Lodge erred. By reference to pages 3226, 3227, 3243, 3256, Revised Journal, it will be seen that this Grand Lodge refused to accord the right to District Deputy Grand Masters to be received with the honors of the Order. (See, also, Digest, page 115.) Therefore your committee recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the foregoing mentioned clause be stricken out of said Constitution. Respectfully submitted,

ERIE J. LEECH,
IRA. C. DOE.
JOHN P. FOSS.
E. C. GRANNISS,
HENRY F. GAREY.

Rep. HILL, of California, moved to suspend the rule providing for a recess at 12 o'clock daily for thirty minutes, for this day only, which was agreed to.

When, on his further motion, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the morning session of this Grand Lodge for to day be continued until one o'clock, and that a recess be then taken until seven o'clock this evening.

Rep. DAVIES, of Southern New York, from the Committee on Appeals, made the following report, which was laid on the table, under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Appeals, to whom was referred the appeal of P. G. Masters James L. Ridgely, Joshua Vansant, Henry F. Garey, Samuel H. Wentz, John C. Smith, and others, a minority of the Grand Lodge of Maryland, from a decision

of that Grand Body in the case of Bro. G. G. W. Burnham, of Centre Lodge, No. 40, of that Jurisdiction, respectfully report that the question submitted is purely a question of law under the constitution and laws of the Grand Lodge of the State.

In order to a plain and succinct understanding of the case, the committee briefly state the law of the State in the premises. Under the Constitution, art. 18, sec. 4, an Executive Committee is created, whose duty it is made "to examine and decide upon all cases of grievance officially submitted to them by the Grand Secretary, and their decision is made final, unless an appeal is taken by the party interested to the Board of Appeals.

Under the 5th section of the same article a Board of Appeals, consisting of the Grand Master or Deputy Grand Master, Grand Warden, and six Past Grands, is created. They are authorized "to consider all appeals from the action of the Executive Committee, and decide thereon from the evidence produced before the Executive Committee. From the decision of this board an appeal is authorized to the Grand Lodge of Maryland.

In the case before the committee, Bro. G. G. W. Burnham appealed from the decision of Centre Lodge, No. 40, expelling him upon charges of the highest grade known to the Order, to wit, defrauding the Lodge by feigning sickness to obtain benefits.

Upon the trial of the case before the Executive Committee, that committee reversed the decision of Centre Lodge, by which the brother had been expelled, and undertook to impose a new sentence, to wit, "that the Lodge should suspend the brother for three years."

From this decision Bro. Burnham appealed to the Board of Appeals, who upon the law and the facts of the case, unanimously affirmed the decision of the Executive Committee, so far as it reversed the decision of the Lodge expelling the brother, and reversed so much of the decision which assumes to impose a *new sentence*.

From this last decision Centre Lodge appealed to the Grand Lodge of the State, by which the extraordinary decision was made "that the decision of the Board of Appeals be affirmed, and that the case be referred to Centre Lodge for a new trial." From this decision the present appeal has been taken.

The case, to your committee, appears to be clear of all difficulty. The following points are briefly stated as conclusive against the decision of the Grand Lodge of Maryland:

First. The Executive Committee, as an appellate body, had not and could not exercise any original jurisdiction. Its prerogative was to review the decision of the Lodge upon the charges preferred, and to decide specifically upon the case as it came to them, either for or against the sentence. A party cannot be arraigned for one offence and be found guilty of another; he is either guilty or innocent of the charges preferred. The finding of the Executive Committee by which the sentence of the Lodge was reversed, was therefore a virtual acquittal of the brother.

Second. The decision of the Grand Lodge is anomalous and without a shadow of legal defence; first, for the reason that it *affirmed* the decision of the Board of Appeals, *which wholly acquitted* Bro. Burnham as well on the law as on the facts, and in the same breath, as it were, "refers the case to Centre Lodge for a new trial," an absurdity so glaring that the committee are constrained to suspect that the case was hardly tried upon its merits. To *acquit* a party, or to *affirm* the report of a committee which *acquits* a party, and to order him to a new trial upon the same charges and for the same offence, is *against all law, all rights, all justice, and all precedent.* Nor is this all, for it appears the new trial was in point of fact to be granted to the Lodge; it was the Lodge that was to have the benefit of the new trial, as the brother neither sought it nor required it. However the law may, in its mercy, sometimes grant an individual the benefit of a new trial, it is believed that the State or prosecuting party has no such prerogative or right.

The committee therefore report and recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the decision of the Grand Lodge of Maryland in the case of brother G. G. W. Burnham, appellant, vs. Centre Lodge, No. 40, of that jurisdicision, be and the same is hereby reversed, and that the decision of the Board of Appeals in the case be and the same is hereby affirmed, and the brother restored to all his rights and privileges in his Lodge.

JOHN J. DAVIES,
BENJ. KINGSBURY, JR.,
J. ALEX. SIMPSON,
F. A. ELLIS,
L. M. CAMPBELL.

Rep. KINGSBURY, of Maine, from the Committee on Appeals, made the following report, which was laid on the table, under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Appeals, to whom was referred the appeal of P. C. Patriarch THOMAS PRUDEN, from the decision of the R. W. Grand Encampment of Southern New York, respectfully report that the law of the Order, as recorded on page 956 of the Journal, determines clearly and concisely the question in issue.

Patriarch PRUDEN having taken a withdrawal card from his lodge, nevertheless claimed thereafter the right to sit and act as a member of his Encampment. This R. W. Grand Lodge having decided, as above referred to, that "the granting of a withdrawal card by a Subordinate Lodge to one of its members, who is also a member of an Encampment, severs his connection with the Encampment *at once*," the claim of Patriarch PRUDEN was in violation of law.

We reccommend the passage of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the action of the R. W. Grand Encampment of Southern New York in the premises be and hereby is sustained.

BENJ. KINGSBURY, JR.,
J. ALEXANDER SIMPSON,
F. A. ELLIS.

Rep. LEWIS, of Illinois, moved the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the R. W. Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary be and is hereby instructed to present to each Grand Representative of this R. W. Grand Lodge, who has not already received the same, one copy of the bound Revised Journal and Digest.

Rep. GRANNISS, of Georgia, from the Committee on Constitutions, made the following report, which was laid on the table, under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Constitutions beg leave to report that they have examined the Constitution of Greble Lodge, No. 1, of Fort Monroe, and find it in accordance with the laws of our Order. Your committee would therefore recommend an approval of the same.

E. C. GRANNISS,
IRA. C. DOE,
JOHN P. FOSS,
ERIE J. LEECH,
HENRY F. GAREY.

Rep. LOGAN, of Kansas, from the Committee on the State of the Order, made the following report, which was laid on the table, under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was referred the inquiry of Rep. HOPKINS, of Pennsylvania, to be found on page 3802 of the Journal, would report that the place designated in the charter *is* the seat of a State Grand Lodge until properly changed. It is, however, the legal right of a State Grand Lodge to hold its sessions, from time to time, at such place within its own jurisdiction as may be determined upon at any preceding meeting.

C. A. LOGAN,
FRED. D. STUART,
W. CHIDSEY,
JOS. B. ESCAVAILLE,
J. W. STOKES.

Rep. GRISWOLD, of Illinois, moved the following preamble and resolution, which were referred to the Legislative Committee:

WHEREAS, by the report of the Committee on the State of the Order, (Journal 1858, page 2954,) and adopted by this Grand Lodge the same session, page 2975, the holder of an expired withdrawal card is not a competent petitioner for a new Lodge;

And whereas, the opinion of said committee, therein expressed, is that "in certain localities, remote and sparsely settled, it is not impossible that the law may operate with stringency, and tend in some degree to retard the formation of new Lodges and the advancement of the Order, we therefore suggest that to remedy this evil will require further legislation:"

And whereas, the visions of the committee were prophetic, in their fears that the law would retard the advancement of the Order in some places, as it has most seriously done in the jurisdiction of Illinois: Therefore,

Resolved, That the Legislative Committee be requested to examine into the subject, and report such "further legislation" as the former committee said would be useful, but which they failed to suggest.

Rep. MERRIAM, of Iowa, moved the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the report of the select committee on the Degree of Rebekah, found on page 3795 of the Journal of the present session, be made the special order for this evening at 7½ o'clock.

On motion of Rep. HILL, of California, the Lodge agreed to take up the report of the Wildey Monument Committee, (page 3794. Journal,) which was considered and adopted

On motion of Rep. HILL, of California, the Lodge agreed to consider the Report of the Committee on Grand Bodies not represented, (page 3804, Journal,) which was adopted.

Rep. STERN, of Southern New York, moved the following resolution:

Resolved, That Past Grand Representatives be privileged to remain at the secret sessions of this Grand Lodge.

Rep. THOMPSON, of Missouri, moved to lay the resolution on the table, which was not agreed to, and

The question recurring on the resolution of Rep. STERN, of Southern New York, it was resolved in the affirmative.

The Grand Lodge now, pursuant to the special order adopted on yesterday, resolved itself into secret session.

After several hours passed in secret session, the Lodge resumed its ordinary business.

Rep. STOKES, of Pennsylvania, from the Committee on the State of the Order, made the following report, which was laid on the table, under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was referred so much of the Annual Report of the M. W. Grand Sire as relates to decisions made in the interim of the Sessions, respectfully report that they have carefully examined the same, and, with the exception of the second one, they are mostly correct; but the abbreviated answers, as they appear, might lead to a misunderstanding. The committee propose a fuller explanation, as to the 1st, 2d, 3d, and 7th.

As to the *first*.—A Grand Lodge may authorize a Subordinate Lodge, under its jurisdiction, to initiate persons residing in another jurisdiction adjacent to the lodge applied to, provided that on all occasions the consent of the Grand Lodge or Grand Master of the jurisdiction where the applicant resides has been asked and obtained; and provided, further, that the lodge applied to is nearer the residence of the applicant than any lodge in the jurisdiction in which he is a citizen. Therefore, the action of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky is erroneous, and the decision of the Grand Sire is correct.

Second. This Grand Lodge having relaxed the rule long adhered to, in reference to the reconsideration of a ballot for a candidate for membership who has been rejected, it is therefore in conformity with the existing laws of the Grand Lodge of the United States to reconsider such a ballot: but, in the opinion of the committee, the time for such motion was not intended to be left to local legislation; much less was the privilege conferred upon such lodges and encampments to entertain a motion to reconsider a ballot at *any time*. The decision of the Grand Sire on this point is therefore not in accordance with the spirit and intention of the law. But, as no time is fixed, except by implication, and may be susceptible of misconstruction, there seems to be a necessity for some additional legislation on this subject, so as to define when a motion to reconsider shall be had. It is therefore recommended that the matter be referred to the Legislative Committee, with instructions to report a law, limiting the time when a motion for reconsideration may be entertained. (See Digest, page 13.)

Third. The committee do not think that the local laws can control the manner or form of conferring the degrees. The form, as laid down in the Degree Book, must be adhered to. With this explanation, qualifying the local control over the subject, the decision of the M. W. Grand Sire is correct. (See Journal, page 3718.)

The 4th, 5th and 6th are correct, and in conformity with past decisions and legislation of this Grand Lodge.

Seventh. As it is the duty of a Grand Representative, on his return to his jurisdiction, to instruct his constituent Grand Body in the work of the Order, it is evident that he, and he alone, is responsible for the accuracy of that work, and his decisions on and constructions of all secret work are binding upon all Lodges or Encampments in his jurisdiction. A Grand Master or Grand Patriarch is charged with the duty of requiring of Lodges and Encampments, as well as of members, a strict compliance with the instructions received from the Grand Representative.

The 8th, 9th and 10th, the committee find to be in strict conformity to the laws of this Grand Lodge. Respectfully submitted,

J. W. STOKES,
FRED. D. STUART,
JOS. B. ESCAVAILLE,
C. A. LOGAN,
WM. CHIDSEY.

Rep. DAVIES, of Southern New York, from the Committee on Appeals, made the following report, which was laid on the table, under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

Your Committee on Appeals, to whom was referred the appeal of Jerusalem Encampment, No. 1, I. O. O. F., of Maryland, from the decision of the R. W. Grand Encampment of that jurisdiction, would respectfully report:

That we have carefully considered the case and the statement of facts submitted. It appears that Patriarch LAMDIN, of that Encampment, was injured in 1857 by a fall, whereby he fractured his left knee, broke his collar bone, and materially injured his spinal column; that in the opinion of physicians his case is beyond the reach of surgery or medicine; that his wife worked on a sewing machine for the support of the family and that occasionally, for a short period of the time, when his wife would be engaged in some household duty; the Patriarch would take her place at the machine. The Encampment, under the concluding paragraph of section 2 of article 12th of their law, which reads, "Any Patriarch *found at work* while in the receipt of sick benefits from this Encampment will forfeit these benefits during the whole duration of that sickness or disability," and under the admission of the foregoing state of facts, suspended Patriarch LAMDIN from benefits, and from this action he appealed to the R. W. Grand Encampment, who reversed the decision of the Encampment.

The whole of section 2 of Art. 12 of the by-laws of Jerusalem Encampment reads as follows:

"Any Patriarch who shall have been six months a member of the Royal Purple degree, and not under suspension by Art. 14 of these by-laws, if sick or disabled, and unable to follow any vocation whereby he may obtain a livelihood, shall be entitled to three dollars per week; provided, always, that such sickness or disability does not proceed from intemperance or other immoral conduct. Any Patriarch found at work while in receipt of sick benefits from this Encampment will forfeit these benefits during the whole duration of that sickness or disability."

This section must be construed as a whole, and not by piece meal. Undoubtedly the words *found at work* in the latter clause of the section have reference to and are to be governed by the words "whereby he may obtain a livelihood." It cannot be that it ever was intended by the words "found at work" that "works" of mercy, of necessity, or of charity are included, so as to deprive a brother of benefits for following the promptings of his heart in doing good to others.

For these reasons the decision of the R. W. Grand Encampment must be affirmed. We therefore offer the following resolution:

Resolved, That the appeal of Jerusalem Encampment, No. 1, from the decision of the Grand Encampment of Maryland, be dismissed and the action of the Grand Encampment be confirmed. Respectfully submitted,

JOHN J. DAVIES,
BENJ. KINGSBURY, JR.,
J. ALEXANDER SIMPSON,
F. A. ELLIS,
L. M. CAMPBELL.

Rep. STUART, of District of Columbia, from the Committee on the State of the Order, made the following report, which was laid on the table, under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on the State of the Order beg leave to report that they have considered the question propounded by Rep. Kirkup, of Ohio, found on page 3811 of the Journal, and report that a brother who has been expelled for non-payment of dues or crime, from a Lodge which subsequently became extinct, can only regain membership in the Order through the Grand Lodge to which the Lodge he belonged to was subordinate; and this rule applies to the Patriarchal branch of the Order.

FRED. D. STUART.
C. A. LOGAN,
J. W. STOKES,
JOS. B. ESCAVAILLE,
W. CHIDSEY.

Rep. LEECH, of Iowa, from the Committee on Constitutions, made the following report, which was laid on the table, under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

Your Committee on Constitutions, to whom was referred the By-Laws of Utah Lodge, No. 1, would report that they have examined the same and recommend the following: Strike out, in article fifth, section first, all after the words "ball ballots," in the thirteenth line, and insert: "and if no more than two black balls appear, he shall be elected; but if three or more, he shall be rejected; and no person who has been rejected shall be again proposed until after the expiration of six months." The residue of the By-Laws your committee find to be in accordance with the laws and usages of the Order, and recommend their approval.

ERIE J. LEECH,
JOHN P. FOSS,
IRA C. DOE,
HENRY F. GAREY,
E. C. GRANNISS.

Rep. MCLEAN, of District of Columbia, from the Committee on Printing, made the following report, which was laid on the table, under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Printing have considered the proposals for printing the Revised Journal of the Proceedings of 1865, and would respectfully report that they have accepted the proposals of Bro. John Y. Slater, the only one submitted, and recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the R. W. Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary be, and is hereby authorized to contract with Bro. John Y. Slater for the printing of the Revised Journal of Proceedings of the present session in accordance with his proposals herewith submitted and marked "Accepted by the Committee on Printing;" the paper marked "approved" to be used by the contractor in printing the same.

WM. R. McLEAN,
S. J. GOODRICH,
W. G. DYE,
W. P. BUELL,
M. H. COOLEY.

Rep. LEECH, of Iowa, from the Committee on Constitutions, made the following report, which was laid on the table, under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Constitutions, to whom was referred the Constitution adopted by the Grand Lodges of Northern and Southern New York, with a view to a union of those bodies, and which Constitution purports to be that of the Grand Lodge of New York, have had the same under consideration, and find its provisions to be in conformity with the laws of this R. W. Grand Lodge. Therefore, your committee offer for adoption the following resolution:

Resolved, That, in case the enactment of the Grand Lodges of Northern and Southern New York, consolidating those two bodies into one Grand Lodge, to be known by the name, style, and title of the Grand Lodge of New York, shall be adopted by this R. W. Grand Lodge, the Constitution herewith submitted be and is hereby approved.

Respectfully submitted,

ERIE J. LEECH,
IRA C. DOE,
JOHN P. FOSS,
E. C. GRANNISS,
HENRY F. GAREY.

Rep. FITZHUGH, of Virginia, from the Legislative Committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table, under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Legislative Committee, to whom the application of the R. W. Grand Lodges of Southern and Northern New York, asking this body "to institute the said R. W. Grand Lodges and the Lodges and members subordinate thereto, into one jurisdiction, to be known and hailed as the Grand Lodge of the I. O. O. F. of the State of New York," has been referred, beg leave to report:

That they have considered the very important subject referred to them, and recommend the adoption of the following resolutions.

1. *Resolved*, That the Grand Lodge of the United States doth hereby ordain, enact, and declare, that on and after the Tuesday following the third Monday in August, in the year one thousand eight hundred and sixty-six, the R. W. Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F., of Southern New York, and the R. W. Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F. of Northern New York shall be united and consolidated, and the said Grand Lodges of Southern New York and of Northern New York, and the Lodges and members respectively subordinate to them, shall, on and after that day, together constitute one Grand Jurisdiction, to be known and hailed as "The Grand Lodge of the I. O. O. F. of the State of New York," and the said last named Grand Lodge shall, on and after the day aforesaid, have and possess all the rights and privileges, franchises, and immunities appertaining and belonging to a State Grand Lodge under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of the United States.

2. *Resolved*, That the enactment, made and adopted by the R. W. Grand Lodges of Southern and Northern New York, which is in the words and figures following, to-wit, be and the same, is hereby adopted, ratified, and confirmed by this Grand Lodge:

ENACTMENT.

The R. W. Grand Lodge of the I. O. O. F. of Southern New York, and the R. W. Grand Lodge of the I. O. O. F. of Northern New York do enact as follows:

FIRST. That application be made on behalf of said R. W. Grand Lodges to the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, I. O. O. F., to constitute the said R. W. Grand Lodges and the Lodges and members subordinate thereto into one Jurisdiction, to be known and hailed as "The Grand Lodge I. O. O. F. of the

State of New York," and that the Constitution hereto annexed shall be the Constitution of said R. W. Grand Lodge, and shall at the same time be submitted to the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States for approval.

SECOND. That in the event that such application be granted, the said Constitution and the annexed By-Laws and Rules of Order shall govern the said Grand Lodge, and such union shall take immediate effect, except as provided in the next enactment.

THIRD. The Grand Officers of each Grand Lodge elected at the annual sessions of 1865 shall continue to hold their offices until the annual session in 1866, and shall have jurisdiction over all the Lodges located in their respective territorial limits, except that such Lodges shall pay to the Grand Lodge to which they are now subordinate the assessment which shall be levied upon them at the annual session of 1865, and except that every Lodge shall continue to work under its present Constitution until the annual session of 1866.

FOURTH. One uniform P. W. shall be established forthwith for the whole State, and the M. W. Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Southern New York shall select the P. W. to be used until April, 1866, and the M. W. Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Northern New York shall select the P. W. to be used from April 1st to the annual session of 1866, and until otherwise changed.

FIFTH. Each District Grand Committee shall forward to the Grand Secretary of Southern New York in 1866 the nominations for Grand Officers, and such Grand Secretary shall forward to all the candidates notices of such nominations and receive notices of their acceptances, and forward to all the Subordinate Lodges a list of candidates actually in nomination, and receive the election returns of such Lodges, and deliver the same to the Grand Lodge at its annual session in 1866.

SIXTH. At the opening of the annual session in 1866 the senior Past Grand Master present shall call the Grand Lodge to order and preside, and appoint the subordinate officers temporarily, except that the R. W. Grand Secretary of Southern New York shall act as Grand Secretary until the installation of his successor. The business shall then proceed in the order as laid down in the Rules of Order.

SEVENTH. All properties, funds, rights, and claims of each Grand Lodge shall, from and after the annual session of 1866, belong to and be vested in the R. W. Grand Lodge of the I. O. O. F. of the State of New York; and each Grand Lodge shall, at the annual session of 1865, levy upon its subordinates a sufficient assessment to pay up all the indebtedness of such Grand Lodge, and all its expenses up to the annual session of 1866.

EIGHTH. At the annual election in 1866 the only candidates for Grand Representatives shall be the Grand Representatives elected by each Grand Body in 1865, and the one having the greater number of votes shall be elected for two years and the other for one year.

3. *Resolved*, That the Grand Sire be and he is hereby directed to issue a proclamation at least sixty days before the said Tuesday following the third Monday in August, in the year 1866, making known to the said jurisdictions of Southern and Northern New York, and all other jurisdictions in the Order, the changes hereby ordained and established.

ED. H. FITZHUGH,
R. A. LAMBERTON,
E. H. BARRY.
H. L. PAGE,
J. GRISWOLD.

Rep. Ross, of New Jersey, from the Committee on Finance, made the following report, which was laid on the table, under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee of Finance respectfully report that they have considered the subject of printing the forms of Public Installation in the German language, and believe it will be for the interest of this Grand Lodge, and will gratify the members of the numerous German Lodges under its jurisdiction. Your committee, therefore, submit the following:

Resolved, That the R. W. G. C. and R. Secretary be and he is hereby authorized and requested to have made, as soon as possible, by a competent person, a translation into the German language of the form of Public Installation of officers of Subordinate Lodges, and have the same printed and distributed in the same manner as the original edition.

THEO. A. ROSS,
EDWARD P. BURNHAM,
THO. C. COLEMAN,
DANIEL NORCROSS.

Rep. Coleman, of Tennessee, from the Committee on Finance, made the following report, which was laid on the table, under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

Your Committee on Finance have had laid before them the fact that since the last meeting of the R. W. Grand Lodge, Grand Secretary John F. Hide, of Tennessee, ordered from your R. W. Grand Secretary several sets of the bound Journal, and also copies of the Digest, which were sent by Express as directed, and that between Louisville and Nashville the railroad train was attacked and burned by guerrillas, and the above books destroyed. Duplicates were ordered by the Grand Secretary of Tennessee.

In this connection, your Committee recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the R. W. Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary be authorized to receipt in full for the above books upon the payment in full of the amount charged for the first lot shipped, and which were destroyed, the amount being $92.00.

THO. C. COLEMAN,
EDWARD P. BURNHAM,
THEO. A. ROSS,
DANIEL NORCROSS.

Rep. Doe, of Maine, from the Committee on Constitutions, made the following report, which was laid on the table, under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Constitutions, to whom was referred the Constitution adopted by the Grand Encampments of Northern and Southern New York, respectively, for the government of a jurisdiction to be known and hailed as the "R. W. Grand Encampment of Patriarchs of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows of the State of New York," (provided such jurisdiction be constituted by action of this Grand Lodge,) have examined the same, and find it in conformity with the Constitution and Laws of this Grand Lodge, and recommend the approval of the same.

IRA C. DOE
ERIE J. LEECH,
E. C. GRANNIS,
JOHN P. FOSS,
HENRY F. GAREY.

Rep. LOGAN, of Kansas, from the Committee on the State of the Order, made the following report, which was laid on the table, under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was referred the resolution of Rep. DONIPHAN, of Missouri, to be found on page 3810 of the Journal, asking the committee to define what is meant by "satisfactory evidence of former connexion with the Order," would state that the evidence, to be *satisfactory* within the meaning of the law, must come from the Lodge of which the brother was formerly a member, or in the event of such evidence being inaccessible by reason of its being defunct or otherwise, then from the Grand Body under whose jurisdiction the Subordinate existed. In case the applicant is unable to obtain the requisite evidence from either of these sources, then he may make petition for admission into the Order by initiation as prescribed in the law quoted.

C. A. LOGAN,
J. W. STOKES,
FRED. D. STUART,
W. CHIDSEY,
JOS. B. ESCAVAILLE.

Rep. SCHIEFER, of Missouri, from the Committee on Returns, made the following report, which was laid on the table, under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

Your Committee, to whom was referred the returns of the various Grand and Subordinate bodies under the jurisdiction of the R. W. Grand Lodge, respectfully report:

That having carefully examined all the papers submitted to them, find a commendable improvement in the correctness of the reports from a large majority of your Subordinates. It is, however, desirable that Grand Secretaries and Grand Scribes impress the necessity of future correct returns on Secretaries and Scribes of Lodges and Encampments, to the end that a more correct and reliable exhibit of the numerical strength of our Order may be obtained.

No reports have been received from the Grand Lodges of Mississippi, Texas, Alabama, North Carolina, Arkansas, Florida, Lower Provinces, British North America, nor from the Grand Encampments of Virginia, Georgia, North Carolina, Mississippi, Alabama, Texas, Arkansas;

All of which is fraternally submitted.

J. F. SCHIEFER.
JOS. KIRKUP.
EDWARD MITCHELL.
L. F. TOWER.
F. J. BARNARD.

Rep. LAMBERTON, of Pennsylvania, from the Legislative Committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table, under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Legislative Committee have considered the preamble and resolutions proposed by Rep. Griswold, of Ill., (page 3807 of Journal) in reference to the granting of final cards, and respectfully report for adoption the following resolutions:

Resolved, That Subordinate Lodges and Encampments shall vote by ballot upon all applications for final cards made in accordance with existing laws; and the affirmative vote of a majority of the members present shall be necessary to the granting of such cards.

Resolved, That should, upon such ballot, a majority of the members present refuse their consent to the granting of a final card to an applicant therefor, such applicant, upon the payment of all dues and tendering a written resignation of his membership, and not being otherwise disqualified, shall be entitled to receive from the Secretary or Scribe, under seal, a certificate that he has resigned his membership; and such certificate shall be sufficient evidence that the brother was in good standing at the time of his resignation: *Provided*, That upon the refusal of a Lodge or Encampment to grant such withdrawal card, the member applying for the same shall have the right of appeal to the Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment of his jurisdiction.

R. A. LAMBERTON,
J. GRISWOLD,
EDW. H. FITZHUGH,
E. H. BARRY,
H. L. PAGE.

P. G. Sire NICHOLSON, of Pennsylvania, from the Committee to wait upon the President, made the following report, which was laid on the table, under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee appointed to visit the President of the United States and invite his presence at the celebration on the 20th inst., respectfully beg leave to report, that accompanied by Grand Representative McLEAN, of the District of Columbia, and the Hon. JOSEPH S. FOWLER, Senator from Tennessee, they proceeded to the city of Washington, where they were met by the Hon. Richard Wallach, Mayor of the City, who accompanied them to the Executive Mansion, and introduced them to His Excellency, ANDREW JOHNSON, President of the United States.

The chairman of the committee addressed the President and invited him to be present at the unveiling of the Statue of Charity and the dedication of the Monument commemorative of the founding of the Order in 1819, by THOMAS WILDEY. He stated that the Order was founded upon the principles of Charity, and that it was no ordinary event to which they asked his presence. The chairman endeavored to impress upon the President the influeuces for good that would be disseminated throughout the Union by the first convocation since the commencement of the war in which every portion of the American Republic would be represented. The Southern brethren had expressed in the warmest terms their gratitude and love, and had declared that the unity between the members of the Order was now stronger than at any former period.

The committee left with the President a copy of the letter of invitation addressed to him by the Committee of Arrangement for the celebration, which was as follows:

BALTIMORE, Sept, 13th, 1865.

To His Excellency, Andrew Johnson, Presidentof the United States.

Dear Sir: The Grand Lodge of the United States of the Independent Order of Odd-Fellows, an organization founded exclusively for benevolent purposes, and comprehending a membership affiliated with it in every State, District, and Territory of the Union, having during the past year erected upon one of the public squares of the city of Baltimore a monument, designed to commemorate the founding of that Order in 1819 by THOMAS WILDEY, propose on the 20th day of September, instant, unveiling the Statue of Charity, which surmounts the column, and to celebrate the occasion by a public procession and other appropiate ceremonies.

Several thousands of your fellow citizens, from every quarter of our country, embracing the North, South, East and West, including every State, will assemble on the day named, to participate in this grand reunion of that Brotherhood.

The fact that this celebration will be the first since the rebellion of a national character, and the Order of Odd-Fellows being, it is believed, the only organization comprehending a membership in all the States which has preserved its unity, presents a suitable occasion, for inviting the President's recognition and the presence of the heads of Departments.

The undersigned, a committee charged with the arrangements for the celebration indicated, therefore venture very respectfully to invite the presence of your Excellency and the Cabinet, and to express the opinion that your acceptance will not only give great gratification to the Odd-Fellows every where, but will also have a happy influence upon the public mind.

Very respectfully, your fellow citizens,

JAMES L. RIDGELY,
JOSHUA VANSANT,
JOS. B. ESCAVAILLE.

President Johnson replied, thanking the delegation for the visit and the invitation, and expressed his gratification that they had delegates present from all parts of the country. The Order by this convocation showed a good example: no better could be set, and it was worthy of imitation. If he could possibly accept the invitation he would, and, if absent, he would be present in spirit and feeling. As for his feelings towards the South and the course he would pursue, if his past acts are no evidence all professions would be useless. The meeting and the convocation, right upon the "geographical line," as it were, was in the right place, and it cannot fail in exerting a powerful influence upon the people of the country towards the re-establishment of feelings of good will and harmony. Thanking them for the sentiments they had expressed and the invitation to be with them, he would only promise to try to be present.

Mayor Wallach introduced each member of the committee, and several minutes were spent in pleasant converse.

During the interview the President gave the committee every reasonable assurance that he would accompany them. They therefore determined to remain until the following morning, for the purpose of escorting him and the members of the Cabinet to Baltimore, but at a late hour at night the Committee received the following letter:

EXECUTIVE MANSION,
WASHINGTON, D. C., Sept. 19, 1865.

GENTLEMEN: I have hoped to be able to accept your kind invitation for to-morrow, but I find upon a careful survey that it would be incompatible with existing arrangements.

I pray you to believe that I rejoice in the re-union of your Order throughout the United States as an auspicious presage of the restoration of order and complete political harmony throughout the Union. I need hardly say that in my judgment this is at the present moment the proper aim of true patriotism.

I have the honor to be,
Very respectfully,
Your obedient servant,
ANDREW JOHNSON.

To Messrs. JAMES B. NICHOLSON, H. L. PAGE, E. D. FARNSWORTH, and others.

After leaving the President's mansion, the committee, headed by Mayor Wallach, proceeded to call upon the various members of the Cabinet (now in the city) at their residences, and extended to each one of them a hearty invitation to be present at the dedication of the Wildey Monument.

The committee, whilst they congratulate the Grand Lodge upon the complimentary declarations of the President, have to express their regret that his Excellency was not present upon an occasion of so much interest to the Order and to the country.

In view of the kind interest manifested by several distinguished gentlemen, they beg leave to offer the following resolutions, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject:

Resolved, That the thanks of the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States are tendered to Hon. JAMES HARLAN, Secretary of the Interior; Hon. JOSEPH S. FOWLER, U. S. Senator from Tennessee; Hon. RICHARD WALLACH, Mayor of the city of Washington, and the Hon. JOHN W. GARRETT, President of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Co., for their kind courtesy and for their many marks of respect shown to our Order, through your Committee.

Fraternally yours, &c.

JAMES B. NICHOLSON.
H. L. PAGE.
L. M. CAMPBELL.
E. D. FARNSWORTH.
F. A. ELLIS.

On motion the Lodge adjourned until 7 o'clock this evening.

THURSDAY EVENING, September 21,—7 o'clock.

The Grand Lodge assembled pursuant to adjournment. Present:

OFFICERS.

ISAAC M. VEITCH.....M. W. Grand Sire.
JAMES P. SANDERS.....R. W. Deputy Grand Sire.
JAMES L. RIDGELY.....R. W. G. Cor. and Rec. Secretary.
JOSHUA VANSANT.....R. W. Grand Treasurer.
REV. I. D. WILLIAMSON.....R. W. Grand Chaplain.
JOSEPH KIDDER.....R. W. Grand Marshal.
AUGUSTUS PFAFF.....R. W. Grand Guardian.
JOHN E. CHAMBERLAIN.....R. W. Grand Messenger.

No quorum being present, the Lodge adjourned, on motion of Rep. FARNSWORTH, of Tennessee, until to-morrow morning, at 9 o'clock.

FRIDAY, September 22,—9 o'clock A. M.

The R. W. Grand Lodge assembled pursuant to adjournment. Present:

OFFICERS.

ISAAC M. VEITCH.....M. W. Grand Sire.
JAMES P. SANDERS.....R. W. Deputy Grand Sire.
JAMES L. RIDGELY.....R. W. G. Cor. and Rec. Secretary.
JOSHUA VANSANT.....R. W. Grand Treasurer.
REV. I. D. WILLIAMSON.....R. W. Grand Chaplain.
JOSEPH KIDDER.....R. W. Grand Marshal.
AUGUSTUS PFAFF.....R. W. Grand Guardian.
JOHN E. CHAMBERLAIN.....R. W. Grand Messenger.

And a representation from a quorum of Grand Bodies.

Prayer by Rev. Bro. I. D. WILLIAMSON.

The R. W. Deputy Grand Sire, having examined the Representatives, by order of the M. W. Grand Sire declared the Lodge open for business.

On motion of Rep. TERWILLIGER, of Northern New York, the reading of the journal of yesterday was dispensed with.

Rep. CHIDSEY, of Ohio, moved to suspend the rule, in order to take up the amendment to the constitution, on page 3710, journal of last session, which was agreed to. And the question being on the adoption of the amendment, as follows:

Amend section 5 of article 1st, by striking out the words "by the unanimous vote," and inserting, in lieu thereof, the words "*with the concurrence of four-fifths of the members* of this Grand Lodge."

The yeas and nays appeared as follows:

Yeas—Messrs. Andrews, Babcock, Barnard, Barnes, Burnham, (2 votes,) Chidsey, Coleman, (2 votes,) Cooley, Dye, Enholm, Farnsworth, Fisk, Flemming, Ford, Garey, Goodrich, Granniss, Hill, (2 votes,) Homes, Jones, Kirkup, Landers, Lewis, Leech, Logan, McDonald, (2 votes,) Marvin, Mayes, Miller, Millspaugh, Norcross, Page, Pollard, Ransom, Ross, Slater, Smith, Connecticut, Stern, Stratton, Swanton, Terwilliger, Tower, Tucker, White, Utley, (2 votes,) —31.

Nays—Armington, Barry, Buell, Campbell, Doe, Ellis, Escavaille, Fitzhugh, Foster, (2 votes,) Foss, Griswold, Harvey, Havenner, Hopkins, Jefferson, Lamberton, Latham, McFarland, McLean, Mitchell, Merriam, Morse, Munroe, Pulsifer, Riggs, Schiefer, Simpson, Sharp, Stokes, Stuart, Thompson of Delaware, Thompson of Missouri, Wood.—34.

The proposed amendment was accordingly rejected.

On motion of Rep. HILL, of California, to suspend the special order for half an hour, it was resolved in the negative. By unanimous consent Rep. BURNHAM, of Maine, from the Committee on Finance, made the following report, which was laid on the table, under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Finance have examined the books and reports of the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer, and find the same to be correct, with proper vouchers for the several items of disbursements since the session.

The balance in the treasury, as shown by the report of the Grand Treasurer at the session of 1864, was	7,766 29
Amount received from the Grand Secretary, being receipts during the year for Representative tax, books, cards, &c	18,867 03
Interest on United States Bonds, and premium on same	501 00
Interest on due bills of J. F. Driscoll	1 20
Received in payment of note of Grand Encampment of Iowa	88 50
Received for United States Bonds, sold by authority of Grand Lodge	4,000 00
	$31,224 02
Paid for ordinary expenses	17,425 02
Leaving cash balance	13,799 00

United States 5-20 Registered Bonds	2,000 00
Amount of supplies at selling prices	5,479 22
Total assets	21,278 22
The amount of the Wildey Monument Fund is	$10,661 17

EDWARD P. BURNHAM,
THEO. A. ROSS,
DANIEL NORCROSS,
THO. C. COLEMAN,
JAMES TERWILLIGER.

The Lodge proceeded to the consideration oft he special order, to wit:

The Report of the Committee on the revision of the Work, and therefor resolved itself into secret session.

After some hours passed in secret session, the Grand Lodge resumed its ordinary work.

When, the hour of 12 o'clock having arrived, fixed by special order for recess, the chair declared the Lodge at recess for thirty minutes.

12½ o'clock.

The Lodge reassembled, pursuant to the order for recess.

Rep. Lamberton, of Pennsylvania, from the Legislative Committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table, under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Legislative Committee have had under consideration the preamble and resolutions of Rep. Garey, of Maryland, to be found upon page 3802 of the Journal, relative to *honorary membership* in this Order, would report, that the subject of honorary membership has been frequently presented to this Grand Body in one form or another, and has invariably been most emphatically discouraged and refused; but, like Banquo's ghost, it will not be laid.

Your committee cite the emphatic language of some of the refusals of this Grand Lodge in the matter of honorary membership, viz.:

Journal 1843, page 589: *Resolved*, That in the opinion of this Grand Lodge the system of honorary membership is inconsistent with the nature and true interests of the Order.

Journal 1845, page 811: *Resolved*, That honorary membership shall, under no circumstances, be allowed under this jurisdiction.

Journal 1856, page 2500, 2521: Report of the Legislative Committee: They say: "the proposition is such a wide divergence from the theory and fundamental principles of the Order, that the committee deem it their duty to report against it."

Journal 1863, page 3560: The report of the Legislative Committee on this subject says: "We deem it unwise and contrary to one of the leading principles of our Order to create distinctions in its membership. The passage of a law such as is contemplated would seem to destroy that equality so essential to harmony. We, therefore, report adversely to the passage of the preamble and resolution."

Your committee fail to detect anything in the present application that would remove it from the category of the foregoing decisions of this Grand Body. And whilst they recognize a growing sentiment in the Order in favor of honorary membership, yet they deem it unadvisable and inexpedient at this time to recommend any change in the established and settled judgment of this Grand Lodge. Therefore they report adversely to the preamble and resolutions on this subject referred to them.

R. A. LAMBERTON,
EDW. H. FITZHUGH,
J. GRISWOLD,
E. H. BARRY,
H. L. PAGE.

Rep. ELLIS, of Maryland, from the Committee on Appeals, made the following report, which was laid on the table, under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Appeals, to whom was referred the appeal of Past Grand P. S. JACOBS, from the action of the Grand Lodge of South Carolina, in refusing to install him into the office of Grand Secretary of that Grand Jurisdiction in 1861, ask leave to report: That they have examined the paper submitted to them, and find it to be a mere ex-parte statement, unauthenticated, as required by the Grand Lodge of the United States, and therefore not proper to be considered as an appeal. They further find that the paper itself discloses the fact that the appellant is no longer a resident of South Carolina, but domiciled in the city of Philadelphia, and is consequently disqualified by law from performing the duties of the office he claims to have been elected to, so that there is no existing grievance to be remedied by the action of this Grand Lodge. Your committee therefore respectfully submit the annexed resolution:

Resolved, That the appeal of Past Grand P. S. JACOBS, from the action of the Grand Lodge of South Carolina, be dismissed, not being in conformity with the rules of this Grand Lodge.

F. A. ELLIS,
L. M. CAMPBELL,
JOHN J. DAVIES,
J. ALEXANDER SIMPSON,
BENJ. KINGSBURY, JR.

Rep. FARNSWORTH, of Tennessee, from the Committee on Correspondence, made the following report, which was laid on the table, under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Correspondence ask leave to report that, after an examination of the papers submitted to them, they find that the proper officers of the Grand Lodge have already attended to the subject-matters contained in the papers, and therefore require no further attention by this committee; except that your committee are gratified to report that they find in the correspondence from the jurisdiction of Vermont that the Order there is giving promise of new life, and we have hopes of a brighter future for the Order in that jurisdiction. Your committee are gratified to find that the Special Commissioner, P. G. Rep. KIDDER, deputed to visit that jurisdiction, has performed all the duties devolved upon him, in visiting and urging upon the Brotherhood of Vermont a renewal of action; and by his zeal and influence has succeeded in awakening in them a new spirit, which we trust may result in great good to the Order in that jurisdiction. Your committee cannot refrain from expressing much gratification at the interest taken to revive the Order in Vermont by Grand Rep-

resentative SEWELL MORSE, P. G. Master, in connection with the Special Grand Commissioner, and we trust their efforts to advance the interests of the Order in that jurisdiction may prove successful.

Respectfully submitted.

E. D. FARNSWORTH,
JAMES WOOD,
CHARLES MARSH,
B. S. MERRIAM,
JNO. H. WHITE.

Rep. ROSS, of New Jersey, from the Committee on Finance, made the following report, which was laid on the table, under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Finance respectfully recommend that the Digest be hereafter sold at $1.50 each, with a discount of 33⅓ per cent. when fifty or more copies are purchased at one time.

THEO. A. ROSS,
DANIEL NORCROSS,
EDWARD P. BURNHAM,
JAS. TERWILLIGER,
THO. C. COLEMAN.

Rep. LEECH, of Iowa, from the Committee on Constitutions, made the following report, which was laid on the table, under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Constitutions have examined the amendments to the constitution of the Grand Lodge of Ohio, to be found on page 3813, Journal of this session, and find that they are purely of a local character, and not in conflict with any law of this Grand Lodge. We therefore offer for adoption the following resolution.

Resolved, That the said amendments be and the same are hereby approved.

Respectfully submitted,

ERIE J. LEECH,
JOHN P. FOSS,
IRA C. DOE,
E. C. GRANNISS,
HENRY F. GAREY.

Rep. DAME, of Virginia, rose in his place and addressed the Grand Lodge as follows:

MOST WORTHY GRAND SIRE: It becomes my duty to inform you, officially, of the death of P. Grand Representative Israel Robinson, of the jurisdiction of Virginia. My personal acquaintance with our deceased brother was slight, and I had not learned his death until I came to the Lodge. No opportunity has, therefore, been allowed me to gain the information neccessary to place his character before the Grand Lodge in its full development. But the esteem in which he was held by this Order in our jurisdiction was such that he was repeatedly sent from the Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment of Virginia, as a representative to the R. W. Grand Lodge. And his fellow citizens so far appreciated his mental endowments that he was sent by them in the dark days of the revolution to aid by his counsels the cause they had in hand. And it was while on duty as a member of the Legislature of Virginia, in Richmond, that he closed his earthly labors, in Oct. 1862.

This is not the place for eulogy, but to announce the fact that death has again invaded the ranks of the highly honored of our Order, that we may be

continually reminded of the value of our time, and the rapid approach of the end of the day of work, and thus be more active and zealous in the discharge of those duties which devolve upon us, as members of an institution whose fundamental principles are Friendship, Love, and Truth. It is with this aim I have made these remarks.

Rep. TERWILLIGER, of Northern New York, moved the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That when the Grand Lodge adjourn at 3½ o'clock this day, it adjourn to meet again at 5½ o'clock.

On motion of Rep. WHITE, of Northern New York, the Lodge agreed to consider the report of the Legislative Committee, page 3824, being on the application of the Grand Lodges of Southern and Northern New York to consolidate said jurisdictions.

The question being to adopt the report and accompanying resolutions:

Rep. STERN, of Southern New York, moved to lay the subject on the table, which was not agreed to.

The question recurring on the adoption of the report and resolutions of the Legislative Committee—

Rep. STERN, of Southern New York, moved to amend the resolutions accompanying the report of the committee, by substituting the following, which was resolved in the negative:

WHEREAS, the document presented to this R. W. Grand Body, purporting to be the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of New York, after the consolidation of the present two jurisdictions existing in that State; and whereas, the said proposed Constitution has not been legally and constitutionally adopted by the Grand Lodge of Southern New York—therefore,

Resolved. That the said Constitution be referred back to the Grand Lodge of Southern New York, at its annual session in August next, and if the said constitution shall then and there be adopted by a two-third vote, according to the 7th article of its Constitution, the same shall be deemed approved of by this R. W. Grand Body.

The question recurring on the adoption of the report of the committee and accompanying resolutions, pending its consideration, the hour fixed for adjournment having arrived, 3½ o'clock, the Lodge adjourned until 5½ o'clock.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON, Sept. 22—5½ o'clock.

The Lodge assembled pursuant to adjournment. Present, all the Grand Officers and a quorum of Grand Bodies.

Rep. GAREY, of Maryland, from the Committee on Constitutions, made the following report, which was laid on the table, under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Constitutions, to which was referred the Constitution and By-Laws of Rocky Mountain Lodge No. 2, of the Territory of Colorado, beg leave to report that upon an examination of the same they find several features inconsistent with the laws and decisions of the Grand Lodge of the United States, and recommend the following amendments and alterations thereto viz:

1. Strike out the word "favorable," which commences on the third line of the 7th section of the 2d article, for the reason that as the section reads the Lodge is not bound to ballot for a candidate unless the committee appointed to investigate his fitness for membership shall report favorably in his case.

2. Strike out all after the word "rejected," in the seventh line of the same section of the same article, which requires a brother who may, under certain specified circumstances, cast a black ball against a candidate for membership, to communicate to the Noble Grand the fact of his having cast such a ballot, said feature being in violation of the decisions of the Grand Lodge at the session of 1860, pages 3268 and 3271.

3. Strike out so much of the 8th section of article 2 as declares that an unfavorable ballot shall not in any case be reconsidered, and insert in lieu thereof the resolution adopted by the Grand Lodge of the United States at the session of 1857, and to be found on page 2773 of the journal.

4. Strike out the 7th section of article 3, which requires members who have been "suspended for cause" to serve a probation of six months before they can become beneficial, after they have suffered the punishment which the Lodge has inflicted upon them, even though they may have regularly paid their dues during said suspension. Such a feature is in contravention of the decisions of the Grand Lodge of the United States, pages 1438, 1441, 1504, 1513.

5. Strike out so much of the 8th section of article 4 as justifies the Lodge in trying an absconding member without issuing a citation for him to appear, the same being a violation of the resolution of the Grand Lodge adopted in 1855, and to be found on page 2507 of the journal.

6. Strike out that part of the 9th section of article 4 which deprives a member under charges for unworthy conduct from participating in the work or proceedings of the Lodge. See pages 2132, 2174, 2859, 2926, 2963 of the journal of the Grand Lodge of the United States.

7. Strike out so much of the 11th section of the 4th article, as recognizes "indefinite suspension" as a means of punishment, the same being contrary to the decisions of the Grand Lodge. See Journal, pages 2562, 2629, 2664.

With the foregoing alterations the committee recommend the approval of the Constitution and By-Laws of said Lodge.

HENRY F. GAREY,
ERIE J. LEECH,
E. C. GRANNISS,
JOHN P. FOSS,
IRA C. DOE.

Rep. MANTZ, of Maryland, presented the following, which, on his motion, was accepted:

GILMOUR HOUSE,
Baltimore Sept. 22, 1865.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

I am requested by Artemus Ward to invite the Grand Lodge of the United States to visit the Concordia Opera House this (Friday) evening, Sept 22, the

occasion being Artemus Ward's humorous entertainment "Among the Mormons." I will state that Mr. Ward's entertainment closes at quarter past nine o'clock, giving ample time for the Grand Lodge to attend the Banquet.

Very respectfully,
JOHN P. SMITH,
Agent, ARTEMUS WARD.

Rep. BURNHAM, of Maine, from the Committee on Finance, made the following report, which was laid on the table, under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Finance, submit the following estimate of the receipts and expenditures of the current year:

ESTIMATED RECEIPTS.

Representative Tax	7,000 00
Dues from Subordinate Lodges and Encampments under immediate jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge	200 00
Sale of Revised Journal and Digest	1,200 00
Charge and Degree and Installation Books	2,000 00
Cards	5,000 00
Odes	300 00
Diplomas	1,000 00
	16,700 00

ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES.

Salary of Grand Secretary	1,500 00
" " " Treasurer	200 00
" " " Messenger	900 00
Rent of Grand Secretary's Office, Gas and Fuel	275 00
Postage, Stationery, and other office expenses	500 00
Printing Daily Journal	500 00
" Revised Journal	1,100 00
Mileage and per diem	11,000 00
Assistance to Grand Messenger	30 00
" " " Secretary	15 00
Cards	437 50
Odes	300 00
Degree of Rebekah Books	75 00
Digests	1,000 00
Charge Books	20 00
Public Installation Books	200 00
Contingent Fund	200 00
Commissioner to Vermont	83 56
Committee on desecration of Odd Fellows Hall	133 50
J. W. Orr, advertising, &c	29 00
Carpet and Stove in Grand Secretary's Office	200 00
Expenses attending dedication of Wildey Monument	200 00
	18,898 56

The committee offer the following resolution:

Resolved, That the sum of eighteen thousand eight hundred and ninety-eight dollars and fifty-six cents, or so much thereof as may be necessary, be and the same is hereby appropriated, for the payment of salaries, printing, mileage and

per diem, and other current expenses of the Grand Lodge, agreeably to the estimate herewith submitted, and the Grand Secretary be authorized to issue his warrant for the same.

EDWARD P. BURNHAM,
JAS. TERWILLIGER,
THEO. A. ROSS,
DANIEL NORCROSS,
THO. C. COLEMAN.

Leave of absence for the remainder of the session was granted to Rep. BURWELL, of Connecticut.

The Lodge resumed the consideration of the subject pending at the time of adjournment, to wit: the amendment proposed by Rep. STERN, of Southern New York, as a substitute for the resolution accompanying the report of the Legislative Committee upon the consolidation of the two Grand Lodges of New York.

And the question being on the adoption of the amendment, it was resolved in the negative.

The question recurring on the adoption of the report and accompanying resolutions, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Rep. JONES, of Massachusetts, moved the following resolution, which was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That a committee of five be appointed to consider and report appropriate resolutions, recognizing the courtesies and hospitalities tendered to the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States by the City Council of Baltimore and others, during the present session.

The Grand Sire announced the following as the committee provided for by the resolution: Reps. JONES, of Massachusetts; KINGSBURY, of Maine; ANDREWS, of Texas; ENHOLM, of Alabama; MUNROE, of Michigan.

On motion of Rep. HILL, of California, the Lodge agreed to take up the report of the Committee on Constitutions, page 3824 Journal, on the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of New York, which was considered and unanimously adopted.

Rep. FITZHUGH, of Virginia, from the Legislative Committee, made the following report:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Legislative Committee, to whom the application of the R. W. Grand Encampments of Southern New York and of Northern New York, asking this Body that, in case it shall constitute the R. W. Grand Lodges of Southern and Northern New York into one jurisdiction, the said Grand Lodge of the United States do constitute the said R. W. Grand Encampments of Southern and of Northern New York into one jurisdiction, to be known and hailed as "the Grand Encampment of Patriarchs of the I. O. O. F. of the State of New York," has been referred, beg leave to report:

That, inasmuch as the Grand Lodge of the United States has, at this session,

sanctioned and ordained the union and consolidation of the Grand Lodges of Southern and Northern New York, and constituted the same into one Grand Jurisdiction, as will appear by the journal of proceedings of this session, and has thus met the contingency provided for in the application of said Grand Encampments, the committee recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

1. *Resolved*, That the Grand Lodge of the United States doth hereby ordain, enact, and declare that, in accordance with the terms and provisions of an "enactment" passed by the R. W. Grand Encampments of Patriarchs of the I. O. O. F. of Southern and Northern New York, the said Grand Encampments and the Encampments and Patriarchs respectively subordinate thereto, are united and consolidated into one Grand Jurisdiction, to be known and hailed as "the Grand Encampment of Patriarchs of the I. O. O. F. of the State of New York," which said "enactment" is in the words and figures following, to wit:

ENACTMENT.

The R. W. Grand Encampment of Patriarchs of the I. O. O. F. of Southern New York, and the R. W. Grand Encampment of Patriarchs of the I. O. O. F. of Northern New York, do enact as follows:

First. That application be made on behalf of said R. W. Grand Encampments to the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, I. O. O. F., that in case said Grand Lodge shall constitute the R. W. Grand Lodges of Southern and Northern New York into one jurisdiction, the said Grand Lodge do constitute the said R. W. Grand Encampments and the Encampments and Patriarchs subordinate thereto into one jurisdiction, to be known and hailed as "The Grand Encampment of Patriarchs of the I. O. O. F. of the State of New York," and that the Constitution hereto annexed shall be the Constitution of the said R. W. Grand Encampment, and shall at the same time be submitted to the R. W. Grand Lodge of the *United States* for approval.

Second. That should such application be granted, the said Constitution and the annexed By-Laws and Rules of Order shall govern the said Grand Encampment, and such union shall take effect immediately, except as provided in the next enactment.

Third. The Grand Officers of each Grand Encampment elected at the annual session, 1865, shall continue to hold their offices until the annual session in 1866, and shall have jurisdiction over all the Encampments located in their respective territorial limits, except that the Encampments shall pay to the Grand Encampment, to which they are now subordinate, the assessment, which shall be levied upon them at the annual session, 1865, and except that every Encampment shall continue to work under its present Constitution *until the annual* session of 1866.

Fourth. One uniform P. W. shall be established forthwith for the whole State, and the M. W. G. Patriarch of the Grand Encampment of Northern New York shall select the P. W. to be used until January 1866, and the M. W. Grand Patriarch of the Grand Encampment of Southern New York shall select the P. W. to be used after January 1866, to the annual session of 1866, and until otherwise changed.

Fifth. At the opening of the annual session in 1866 the Senior P. G. Patriarch present shall call the Grand Encampment to order, and preside and appoint the subordinate officers temporarily, except that the R. W. Grand Scribe of Southern New York shall act as Grand Scribe until the installation of his successor. The business shall then proceed as laid down in the Rules of Order.

Sixth. All properties, funds, rights, and claims of each Grand Encampment shall, from and after the annual session of 1866, belong to and be vested in the R. W. Grand Encampment of Patriarchs of the I. O. O. F. of the State of New York, and each Grand Encampment shall, at the annual session of 1865, levy upon its Subordinates a sufficient assessment to pay up all the indebtedness of such Grand Encampment and all its expenses up to the annual session of 1866.

Seventh. At the annual election in 1866 the only candidates for Grand Representatives shall be the Grand Representatives elected by each Grand Body in 1865, and the one having the greater number of votes shall be elected for two years, and the other for one year.

And the Grand Lodge of the United States does hereby adopt, ratify and confirm the said "enactment."

2. *Resolved*, That the Grand Sire be and he is hereby directed to issue his proclamation making known the union and consolidation herein declared and established.

R. A. LAMBERTON,
EDW. H. FITZHUGH,
J. GRISWOLD,
E. H. BARRY,
H. L. PAGE.

On motion of Rep. FITZHUGH, of Virginia, the rule was suspended and the report was considered, and unanimously adopted.

On motion of Rep. LEECH, of Iowa, the Lodge agreed to take up the report of the Committee on Constitutions, on the constitution of the Grand Encampment of New York, page 3826, which was considered and adopted.

Leave of absence was granted to Rep. DAME, of Virginia.

Rep. BARRY, of Indiana, from the Legislative Committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table, under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Legislative Committee, to whom was referred the resolutions of the Grand Lodge of Georgia as to the practicability of having the degrees in the Order illustrated, with the emblems, and explanations attached, and also suggesting the necessity of having the ritual of the Degree of Rebekah bound in the same book and illustrated in the same style of the other degrees, would respectfully report: That the Grand Lodge has never designated what emblems pertain to the several degrees, and until this is done, a compliance with the resolution of the Grand Lodge of Georgia would be impracticable. The only allusions to our emblems in our Lodge work are in the second, third, and fifth degrees, and are explained in the lectures thereof. The only emblems officially recognized by this Grand Body are set forth as the symbolic language of our Order, in the Encampment work and their secret meaning therein explained, and therefore to effect the object desired by the Grand Lodge of Georgia would require a material change in our Ritual.

It is inexpedient to have the Degree of Rebekah bound in the same book with the other Degrees, as this would render the work of the five degrees, designed for Brothers only liable to exposure. We offer the following and recommend its adoption:

Resolved, That it is impracticable to have the Degrees of the Order illustratrated with the emblems, and improper to have the Degree of Rebekah bound in the same book with the other Degrees.

R. A. LAMBERTON,
EDW. H. FITZHUGH,
J. GRISWOLD,
H. L. PAGE,
E. H. BARRY.

Rep. LAMBERTON, of Pennsylavania, moved the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the Grand Lodge, now proceed to the consideration of Reports of Standing Committees in the order in which they appear on the printed journal.

The first report being from the Committee on the Degree of Rebekah, page 3795, was considered.

Rep. STOKES, of Pennsylvania, moved to postpone the subject to the next annual session, which was agreed to.

The next report, being from the Committee on Petitions, in relation to the restoration of the charter of the Grand Encampment of Delaware, was considered and adopted.

The next report from the same committee, same page, on confirming the warrant of Hesperian Encampment, No. 2, Omaha, Nebraska Territory, was considered and adopted.

The next report, from the same committee, same page, on confirming the warrant of Utah Lodge, No. 1, at Salt Lake City, was considered and adopted.

The next report, from the Committee on Petitions, same page, on confirming the warrant of Greble Lodge, No. 1, Fortress Monroe, was considered and adopted.

The next report, from the same committee, page 3809, on confirming the warrant of Liberty Lodge, No.—Hartford, West Virginia, was considered and adopted.

The next report from the Committee on Unfinished Business, page 3810, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 3811, from the Committee of Petitions, on confirming the warrant of Rocky Mountain Lodge, No. 2, Colorado Territory, was considered and adopted.

The next report, same page, from the Committee on Finance, authorizing the Treasurer to receive notes for the tax due from Southern jurisdictions, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 3818, from the Committee on Constitutions, on constitution of Grand Encampment of Ohio, was considered and adopted.

The next report, same page, from same committee, on Constitution of Grand Lodge of New Jersey, was considered and adopted.

The next report, being from Committee on Appeals, page 3819, on the appeal of P. G. M. James L. Ridgely and others, was considered and unanimously adopted.

By unanimous consent, Rep. TERWILLIGER, of Northern New York, from the Committee on Finance, made the following report:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :

The Finance Committee recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That there be paid to Representative L. M. Campbell the sum of fifty eight and 85-100 dollars, being the expenses of the committee appointed to bear the invitation of the Wildey Monument Committee to his Excellency the President of the United States, and the members of his Cabinet, and invite them to attend the unveiling of the Statue of Charity on the 20th inst.

JAS. TERWILLIGER,
EDWARD P. BURNHAM,
THEO. A. ROSS,
DANIEL NORCROSS,
THO. C. COLEMAN.

On motion of Rep. TERWILLIGER, of Northern New York, the rule was suspended, and the report was considered and adopted.

On motion of Rep. TERWILLIGER, of New York, leave of absence was granted to Reps. MARVIN and WHITE, of Northern New York.

The Lodge again resumed the consideration of the reports of committees as they appear upon the journal.

The next report, page 3819, from the Committee on Appeals, on the appeal of THOMAS PRUDEN from the decision of the Grand Encampment of Southern New York, was considered.

Rep. STUART, of District of Columbia, moved to amend as follows, which was resolved in the negative:

Amend the resolution appended to the Report of the Committee on Appeals, found on page 3820, by adding the word "not" after "to," in the last line.

The question recurring on the report of the committee, it was resolved in the affirmative.

The next report, page 3820, from the Committee on Constitutions, on the Constitution of Greble Lodge, No. 1, Fortress Monroe, was considered, and on motion of Rep. LEECH, of Iowa, leave to withdraw the same, was granted to the committee, and the Constitution was referred to the Grand Lodge of Virginia.

The next report, page 3820, from the Committee on the State of the Order, on the inquiry of Rep. HOPKINS, of Pennsylvania, page 3802, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 3821, from the Committee on the State of the Order, on the decisions of the M. W. Grand Sire, was considered, and the question being on the adoption of the report—

Rep. HARVEY, of Indiana, moved to amend as follows:

Amend by striking out so much as relates to the third decision.
Strike out the word "third" in the first paragraph.
Insert the word third in the fifth paragraph before the word fourth.

which was resolved in the affirmative.

The question recurring on the report of the committee as amended—

Rep. LEECH, of Iowa, moved further to amend, as follows:

1st. Strike out the whole clause, marked "seventh," in the report of the committee.

2d. Insert "seventh" before "eighth," in the last clause of the report.

Rep. SIMPSON, of Pennsylvania, moved to amend the amendment as follows:

Strike out all after the word "order" in the second line of paragraph 7th, and before the words "a Grand Master," in the fifth line of the same paragraph, and insert the words "by him" in the seventh line after the word "received."

The question being on the amendment of Rep. SIMPSON, of Pennsylvania—

Rep. GRISWOLD, of Illinois, moved to recommit the report to the committee with instructions to report in accordance with the amendment of Rep. SIMPSON, of Pennsylvania.

Rep. WHITE, of Northern New York, moved to amend the proposed amendment, by striking out "to report in accordance with the amendment of Rep. SIMPSON, of Pennsylvania," and inserting, "to report in accordance with the amendment of Rep. LEECH, of Iowa."

Rep. HILL, of California, asked for a divison of the question, and the question being on so much of the motion of Rep. GRISWOLD, of Illinois, as proposes to recommit the report to the Committee, it was resolved in the negative.

The question recurring on the amendment of Rep. SIMPSON, of Pennsylvania, it was resolved in the affirmative.

The question now recurring on the amendment of Rep. LEECH, of Iowa, as amended by the amendment of Rep. SIMPSON, of Pennsylvania, it was agreed to.

The question now recurring upon the adoption of the report of the committee as amended—

Rep. ELLIS of Maryland, moved further to amend, as follows, which was resolved in the affirmative:

Strike out the word "seventh," in the 20th line as printed on page 3821; insert "7th" before "8th," in the next to the last line; and transpose the two last lines ending with the word "Lodge," so as to make them lines 20 and 21 as printed.

The question recurring on the adoption of the report as amended, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Rep. TERWILLIGER, of Northern New York, from the Committee of Finance, made the following report:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

In accordance with the recommendations of the Grand Treasurer, contained in his report, the Committee on Finance recommend the adoption of the following resolution.

Resolved, That the draft of the R. W. Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary upon the Treasurer shall be sufficient warrant to the Grand Treasurer for the payment of the claims against the Grand Lodge at this session, or growing out of its legislation thereat.

JAS. TERWILLIGER,
EDWARD P. BURNHAM,
THEO. A. ROSS,
DANIEL NORCROSS,
THOS. C. COLEMAN,

On motion the rule was suspended, and the report was considered and adopted.

Rep. THOMPSON, of Missouri, rose in his place and addressed the Lodge as follows:

It becomes my melancholy duty to announce to this R. W. Grand Body the death of P. G. Master and P. G. Representative WM. A. MOFFETT, of the jurisdiction of Missouri, which took place on the fourth day of August, 1865.

Brother Moffett, having previously filled to the satisfaction of his brethren many of the most important offices in the Grand Lodge of his State, was elected to represent that body in the Grand Lodge of the United States for the years 1848 and 1849. In all the positions to which he was called he performed his duties faithfully and zealously, and in his death the Order in that jurisdiction has sustained a severe loss.

On motion the Grand Lodge adjourned till to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock.

SATURDAY, September 23, 9 o'clock A. M.

The R. W. Grand Lodge assembled pursuant to adjournment. Present:

OFFICERS.

ISAAC M. VEITCH.....M. W. Grand Sire.
JAMES P. SANDERS.....R. W. Deputy Grand Sire.
JAMES L. RIDGELY.....R. W. Grand Cor. and Rec. Secretary.
JOSHUA VANSANT.....R. W. Grand Treasurer.
REV. I. D. WILLIAMSON.....R. W. Grand Chaplain.
JOSEPH KIDDER.....R. W. Grand Marshal.
AUGUSTUS PFAFF.....R. W. Grand Guardian.
JOHN E. CHAMBERLAIN.....R. W. Grand Messenger.

And a representation from a quorum of Grand Bodies.

Prayer by REV. I. D. WILLIAMSON, R. W. Grand Chaplain.

The R. W. Deputy Grand Sire, having examined the Representatives, by order of the M. W. Grand Sire declared the Lodge open for business.

On motion of Rep. HILL, of California, the reading of the journal of yesterday was dispensed with.

Rep. STOKES, of Pennsylvania, moved the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary be and he is hereby requested to publish in the Appendix to the Revised Journal, the debate had in the Grand Lodge upon the report of the Committee on Finance remitting the dues of the Southern Grand Bodies, and also to collect and collate all the proceedings had on the occasion of the dedication of the Wildey Monument, and connected therewith; including the speeches made on the stand on the day of dedication; at the banquets given by the Corporation of Baltimore; and by the Merchants and Business Men of Baltimore; and that he have full power and discretion to omit any part of such proceedings which in his judgment may be proper.

Rep. HILL, of California, moved the following resolution:

Resolved, That the R. W. Grand Corresponding Secretary be requested to inform the several Grand Lodges and Encampments, by circular or otherwise, upon the next annual meeting of said Bodies, that the revision of the work will come specially before this R. W. Grand Lodge at its next session for consideration and final action.

Rep. STRATTON, of New Jersey, moved to amend the resolution, as follows:

Amend by adding, that the consideration of the revision of the work will be taken up immediately after the organization of the Grand Lodge, and no other business be transacted until its adoption or rejection.

The question being on the amendment, it was not agreed to.

The question recurring on the resolution, it was adopted.

The Lodge resumed the consideration of the Reports of Committees in the order in which they appear on the Journal.

The first report, on page 3822, from the Committee on Appeals, being an appeal of Jerusalem Encampment, No. 1, from the decision of the R. W. Grand Encampment of Maryland, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 3823, from the Committee on the State of the Order, on expulsion for non-payment of dues or crime, was considered and adopted.

The next report, on same page, from the Committee on Constitutions, being on the By-laws of Utah Lodge, No. 1, was considered and adopted.

The next report, on page 3823, from the Committee on Printing, awarding the contract for printing the revised journal to JOHN Y. SLATER, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 3826, from the Committee on Finance, in relation to printing the form of Public Installation in the German language, was considered and adopted.

The next report, same page, from the same committee, on sending copies of the bound Journal and Digest to Tennessee, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 3827, from the Committee on the State of the Order, in relation to the admission of ancient Odd-Fellows, was considered and adopted.

The next report, same page, from the Committee on Returns, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 3827, from the Legislative Committee, on the subject of granting Cards, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 3827, being from the Special Committee appointed to wait on the President of the United States to invite his presence on the occasion of the dedication of the Wildey Monument, was considered, and, with the resolutions accompanying, *unanimously* adopted.

The next report, page 3831, from the Committee on Finance, on the accounts of the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 3832, from the Legislative Committee, on honorary membership, was considered.

Rep. ESCAVAILLE, of Maryland, moved the following resolution:

Resolved, That the report be recommitted to the committee with instructions to report in favor of honorary members, as submitted by Rep. GAREY.

The question being on the motion to recommit, it was resolved in the negative.

The question recurring on the adoption of the report—

Rep. LEECH, of Iowa, moved to amend, as follows:

Strike out the words "but like Banquo's ghost, it will not be laid."

Which was resolved in the negative.

The question recurring on the adoption of the report—

Rep. LOGAN, of Kansas, moved to postpone the further consideration of the whole subject to the next session of the Grand Lodge, which was resolved in the negative.

Rep. GAREY, of Maryland, moved to postpone indefinitely the report of the committee, which was resolved in the negative.

The question recurring on the adoption of the report of the committee, it was resolved in the affirmative.

The next report, page 3833, from the Committee on Appeals, being on the appeal of P. G. P. S. JACOBS, from the decision of the Grand Lodge of South Carolina, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 3833, from the Committee on Correspondence on the state of the Order in Vermont, was considered and adopted.

The next report, same page, from the Committee on Finance, fixing the price of the Digest, was considered and adopted.

The next report, same page, from the Committee on Constitutions, on the amended constitution of the Grand Lodge of Ohio, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 3836, from the Committee on Constitutions, on the By-laws of Rocky Mountain Lodge, No. 2, Colorado Territory, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 3837, from the Finance Committee, on the estimates for 1865-6, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 3840, from the Legislative Committee, on the subject of illustrating the Degrees of the Order, was considered and adopted.

The reports having been all gone through with, Rep. FARNSWORTH, of Tennessee, moved to reconsider the vote had this morning adopting the report of the Committee on Constitutions in relation to the By-laws of Utah Lodge, No. 1, page 3823, which was agreed to.

The question again being on the adoption of the report of the Committee, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Rep. JONES, of Massachusetts, from the Special Committee on that subject, made the following report, which was *unanimously* adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee to whom was referred the resolution of Rep. JONES have attended to the assigned duty, and would report:

That whereas the importance of the marked events of the session, the principal of which are the union of the Order and the surrender of the Wildey Monument to the custody of the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, with the ceremonies incident thereto, having been appreciated, not only by Odd-Fellows, but by the citizens and friends of the Order in Baltimore, as evinced by their unremitting hospitalities, therefore,

Resolved, That a public recognition of our obligations is due to the Corporate authorities of the city of Baltimore, for the splendid banquet given by them to the members of the Grand Lodge of the United States during the past

week; and that we shall ever hold in grateful remembrance these generous indications that the seat of this great Fraternity, which exalts "Friendship" as a cardinal virtue, is wisely located in the beautiful city of Baltimore.

Resolved, That the elegant and sumptuous entertainment furnished by the Merchants and Business men of Baltimore to the members of the Grand Lodge, on Friday evening, at the New Assembly Rooms, is hereby gratefully acknowledged, not only as a mark of personal kindness, but as expressive of public respect for the Order we represent.

Resolved, That it is eminently proper to place upon the record of this Grand Lodge our sincere and heart-inspired thanks to the Grand Lodge and Encampment of Maryland, and the Brethern in Baltimore, for the uniform kindness and attention which they have extended to the members of the Grand Lodge of the United States during the present session, and that we will ever cherish with the liveliest emotions of gratitude the recollection of the courtesies here received, and shall carry with us henceforth the feeling that new and indissoluble ties of warm fraternal regard bind us to the Brethren for whose kind offices we are under such deep obligations.

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be requested to transmit a copy of the above resolutions to the City Authorities, to the Merchants Committee of Arrangements, and to the Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment of Maryland.

Resolved, That the thanks of the Grand Lodge be presented to Brother John T. Ford, for his polite invitation to attend the performances at the Theatre under his management: to Artemus Ward, for his invitation to visit his entertainment at the Concordia Opera House: to Messrs Porter and Dudley, for the privileges of the Merchants' Exchange and News Room, extended in their invitation: to Henry Tyson, Esq., President of the City Passenger Railway Company, for tickets for the use of the members of the Grand Lodge: to the Trustees of the Peabody Institute: to the Superintendent of the House of Refuge: to the gentlemen of the State Tobacco Warehouse: to Messrs. G. W. Gail and Ax; and to all others whose desire to render the visit of the Grand Representatives pleasant and profitable was manifested by invitations to visit institutions and to inspect objects of general interest.

JAS. S. JONES,
BENJ. KINGSBURY, Jr.,
H. B. ANDREWS,
S. A. ENHOLM,
J. F. MUNRO.

On motion of Rep. SIMPSON, of Pennsylvania, the Grand Lodge agreed to take up the amendment to the Constitution, found on page 3833, proposed by Rep. LOGAN, of Kansas, as follows:

"Amend article sixteenth, sec. 4, of the Constitution by striking out all after the words '*provided, however,*' and adding the following: That when it shall be satisfactorily represented to the Grand Lodge of the United States that the necessities of a State, District, or Territorial Grand Jurisdiction require it, a resolution may be passed by a vote of three-fourths of the Representatives present at any meeting, granting to the particular State, District, or Territorial Grand Jurisdiction applying therefor, the right to readmit to membership within its jurisdiction, upon such terms as it may prescribe, suspended members of the Order residing in the same, who may have been suspended for non-payment of dues, and who have not been under suspension for less than three years; and also the right to admit members of defunct Lodges not able to get a card—it being distinctly understood that so soon as the necessity requiring it shall have passed away, this privilege shall be yielded up by the jurisdiction receiving it."

The question being on the adoption of the amendment, Rep. HARVEY, of Indiana, moved to lay the whole subject on the table, which was not agreed to.

The question recurring on the adoption of the amendment, it was resolved in the affirmative.

The yeas and nays appeared as follows:

Yeas—Andrews, Armington, Babcock, Barnard, Barnes, Barry, Burnham, Chidsey, Coleman, Davies, Dennis, Doe, Doniphan, Dye, Ellis, Enholm, Escavaille, Farnsworth, Fisk, Fitzhugh, Fleming, Foster, Foss, Garey, Goodrich, Grannis, Harvey, Havenner, Hill, Homes, Hopkins, Jefferson, Jones, (2 votes,) Kingsbury, Kirkup, Lamberton, Landers, Lewis, Leech, (2 votes,) Logan, McDonald, McLean, Mantz, Marsh, Mayes, Miller, Millspaugh, Mitchell, Merriam, Morse, Munro, Norcross, Page, Pollard, Pulsifer, Ransom, Riggs, Ross, Simpson, Slater, Smith, of Connecticut, Smith, of Canada West, Stern, Stokes, Stratton, Stuart, Swanton, Terwilliger, (2 votes,) Thompson, of Delaware, Thompson, of Missouri, Tower, Tucker, Wood, Utley—77.

Nays—Buell, Griswold, Latham, McFarland, Schieffer—5.

Rep. LOGAN, of Kansas, moved the following resolution:

Resolved, That, the necessities of the case requiring it, the privileges accruing under Section 4th of Article 16th of the Constitution, as amended at this session, are hereby extended to the jurisdiction of Kansas until further ordered.

Amendments were offered to insert "Nebraska, Wisconsin, District of Columbia, Minnesota, Kentucky, Virginia, Illinois, Alabama, Indiana, New York, Georgia, Lousianna, Texas, Michigan, Tennessee, South Carolina, Canada West, Mississippi, Delaware, Massachusetts, Connecticut, New Jersey, Maine, Rhode Island, Vermont, Missouri and Pennsylvania," which were accepted.

Pending the consideration of the question, the hour fixed for recess, (twelve o'clock) having arrived, on motion of Rep. SLATER, of Ohio, the order for recess was suspended for this day.

The question being on the adoption of the resolution of Rep. LOGAN, of Kansas—

Rep. SIMPSON, of Pennsylvania, asked for a division of the question.

The question being on the first branch of the proposition, to wit:

So much of the resolution as grants the privilege to the jurisdiction of Kansas, it was adopted.

The question then being on the residue of the proposition. On motion of Rep. DAVIES, of Southern New York, it was indefinitely postponed.

Rep. PAGE, of Wisconsin, from the Special Committee on that subject, made the following report:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Special Committee, appointed at the last session of this Grand Lodge, to make inquiry in regard to the destruction of Odd-Fellows Halls, furniture, or other property belonging to the Order, on the occupation of such property by the army under military authority, beg leave respectfully to report: That

during the recess the committee entered into correspondence with several parties in the States then occupied by the army; that they heard of several cases where lodge rooms had been destroyed and the property carried away by men from both armies; that a part of the committee met for consultation in the city of Baltimore, in February, 1865, but on account of a want of mail facilities, and the deranged condition of affairs in the South, it was impossible to obtain that definite information which would seem to justify them, at that time, in presenting such cases at Washington: with this view the committee concluded to pursue their inquiries, and adjourned to meet on the first day of this session at the city of Baltimore.

The committee are now advised, and further report, that in several instances have halls and lodge rooms belonging to the Order been taken and occupied during the war by the United States troops. In some instances are such halls and buildings still held and occupied by the military authorities to the exclusion of the Order.

The committee did not understand that they were charged to make inquiry in regard to the amount of loss or damage that had been sustained by the Order on account of the occupation or destruction of their property by the army, but they are of the opinion that the necessity no longer exists for the Government to withold such property from the owners, and believe if the cases were properly presented to the authorities at Washington an order for the release could be easily obtained; and the committee would here wish to state, that it was their intention to have called upon the Secretary of War during the present session, for the purpose of bringing to his attention this subject, but were prevented from so doing on account of the absence of that officer from Washington.

Believing that it is one of the important duties of this Grand Body, so far as it is able, to aid, succor, and protect all of its subordinates, the committee recommend a continuance of the present or the appointment of a new committee, whose business it shall be to carry out the spirit of the resolutions upon this subject, passed in 1864, and to aid our Brothers in every possible way to recover possession of their Lodge property. Respectfully submitted.

H. L. PAGE,
JAMES L. RIDGELY,
J. W. STOKES,
E. D. FARNSWORTH.

On motion, the rule was suspended, and the report was considered and adopted.

Rep. FITZHUGH, of Virginia, from the Special Committee on that subject, made the following report:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The eventful and ever memorable session of 1865 is drawing to its close. Much has transpired during the brief week of its continuance to bring joy and gladness to the heart of the patriot and the Odd Fellow. But it seems that He who orders and controls all human events does not permit the cup of joy to be unalloyed, but for wise and good purposes so mingles sorrow with rejoicing as to say to us with it all, "be still and know that I am God." One by one our old companions and fellow laborers here are passing away. The most imposing pageant our Order has ever witnessed, convened here within the last few days to accept the beautiful and touching memorial our Fraternity has erected to the loved, the honored, the immortal dead. And your committee now has the melancholy duty officially to announce to you that another great and good man has fallen. ROBERT B. BOYLSTON, of South Carolina lives no more on earth. He died at his residence in Winnsboro, South Carolina, on the 4th day of September, 1865. He has been cut off at the early age of forty-two, in the full vigor of manhood. But his career though brief is crowded with evidences of all those

traits of character that adorn and elevate and dignify our nature. He was born in Charleston, South Carolina, in the year 1822. He graduated with distinguished honor in Columbia College, South Carolina, an institution of learning then and now of a very high grade. At the early age of nineteen he studied law in his native State, and at the age of twenty-one was admitted to the Bar. Within a very short time thereafter, and while yet quite a youth, he gave such evidences of learning in his profession and of vigor of intellect that he was appointed to fill an important and responsible legal position, in which he gave the highest satisfaction, and by his integrity, urbanity and learning adorned the station he held, and won his way rapidly into the confidence and regard of his people. This was so signally the case that although wedded to domestic tastes, and preferring the sweet and hallowed associations of his own loved fireside, and the pursuits of literary and scientific researches to any thing ambition could offer, yet so instinctively had the people discerned the fitness and capacity of the man for the highest duties of the statesman and the legislator, that successively year after year he was called upon to represent them in the Legislature of his State. He was too much of a patriot, too much of a lover of his kind to withhold any service he could render his country, and, though contrary to his natural inclinations, he did represent his district faithfully, ably, and satisfactorily. In the House of Representatives he soon won an enviable reputation for ability of the highest order. He was always found in his place, always at the post of duty, and always equal to the demand made upon him. So much was this the case, so great was the confidence of the fellow members of the Legislature in him, that at most important periods in the history of his State he was selected by them to fill the honored place of Speaker of the House of Representatives of South Carolina, and filled its duties, as he discharged every duty he ever undertook, with eminent ability and success. In a private letter, written with unreserved confidence to an old and loved friend, Grand Secretary JAMES L. RIDGELY, (who we know will pardon the liberty we take when our object is to praise ROBERT B. BOYLSTON,) he says: "The people of this district have given abundant and repeated evidence of their confidence in me, and the circumstances under which I was elected Speaker of the House of Representatives while positively refusing to be a candidate induce me to believe that I am popular in the State." He was popular in the State; his modesty had forbid his seeing what all others saw and realized until forced upon him by such evidences as that which we have just alluded to. The last public duty discharged by this great and good man is thus referred to by him in another letter to the same correspondent. He says; ("Our district will hold a public meeting to-morrow over which I am to preside, at which the request will be made for the restoration of the civil government, and the loyalty of this people to the support of the Government will be pledged." Thus as early as June last was he engaged in the glorious work of union, harmony, and conciliation. How would the great heart of the noble patriot have swelled had he been spared to witness the scenes, and heard the glad welcome we have seen and heard during the past four days. How would he have poured forth the emotions to which they naturally give rise in "thoughts that breathe and words that burn." But it has been ordered otherwise, and it becomes us to bow with humble submission to this dispensation and say from our hearts, "Father, thy will be done."

But, though his legal and political career was a continued and brilliant success, it was no less eminent in the Order he loved so well and served so faithfully. He first took his seat as a member of this Grand Lodge at the session of 1854; modest and unobtrusive he soon attracted the attention of the very able body of men who attended that session by his great familiarity with legislative proceedings, and the manifest power he exhibited in debate during the closing days of that session. From that day until after the session of 1860 the history of ROBERT B. BOYLSTON would almost be a history of the Order. For years the chairman of one of the leading committees of this Grand Lodge, his reports exhibited the clear analytical power of his vigorous intellect, the soundness of his surefooted judgment, and the elegance of a literary taste that defies criti-

cism. The literature of our Order is enriched by no purer English than that which flowed from the pen of the lamented BOYLSTON. At the session of 1860, as you all know, he was elevated to the highest honor the Order can bestow; but it was so ordered by Him who controls the destiny of nations that he never was able to give to the Order the benefit of his enlarged experience in the high position their preference conferred upon him, and his last appearance in this Grand Lodge was when his manly voice was heard in the closing ceremony of the session in Nashville.

P. G. Sire BOYLSTON possessed social qualities of a high order. Few could resist the warmth of his cordial, genial manners, or the charms of his conversational powers. Still fewer of his contemporaries could resist his power in debate—clear, logical, and convincing, to admit his premises was to adopt his conclusion, and yet such was his urbanity of manner that though he seldom went out of a debate except as a conquerer, no instance is remembered in which his defeated opponent ever took exception to what he had said.

It seemed as if nature, in the prodigality of her gifts to her favored son, had denied him no qualification which was necessary to make him eminent in every walk of life.

But he has gone! We revere his memory; we lament his death. He lies in his untimely grave beneath the soil of his own loved South Carolina, and the evergreens through which the winds of Heaven whisper their secret requiem wave over the mouldering remains of no purer or nobler spirit than that of ROBERT B. BOYLSTON.

We respectfully recommend the passage of the following resolutions:

Resolved, That in the death of the most worthy Past Grand Sire R. B. BOYLSTON, of South Carolina, this Grand Body has lost one of its most honored and esteemed members; the nation a valued and patriotic citizen; and Odd Fellowship one of its most devoted, earnest, and truthful champions.

Revolved, That the Grand Secretary be and he is hereby directed to procure a potrait of P. G. Sire BOYLSTON from such source as he may be able, and have the same placed in the Hall of this Grand Lodge.

Resolved, That this Grand Lodge deeply sympathize with the bereaved and afflicted wife of our lamented brother and his orphaned children, in this their night of sadness and gloom; and, while we know how feeble and inadequate our ministrations of consolation must appear to their lacerated spirits, overwhelmed with so great a grief, we would earnestly point to One abundantly able to protect the widow and shield the orphan.

Resolved, That this report be spread upon the Journal of this Grand Body and a copy be furnished the family of our departed brother.

EDWARD H. FITZHUGH,
JNO. DONIPHAN,
JAMES D. RIGGS,
F. M. FOSTER,
LUTHER HOMES.

On motion, the rule was suspended, and the report was considered and *unanimously* adopted, by a rising vote.

Leave of absence was granted to Rep. SCHIEFER, of Missouri, for the remainder of the session.

Rep. THOMPSON, of Missouri, offered the following resolution:

WHEREAS, through the devastation of war and the shock following it, given to all civil and social relations in the State of Missouri, there can be no doubt that the necessities of the Order in that State require the encouraging and beneficial effects of Sec. 4, of Art. 16, of the Constitution, Therefore:

Resolved, That the same is hereby extended to that jurisdiction until further ordered.

On motion of Rep. STOKES, of Pennsylvania, the resolution was laid upon the table.

Rep. LAMBERTON, of Pennsylvania, from the Legislative Committee, made the following report:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Legislative Committee, to whom was referred the inquiry, submitted by Rep. TOWER, of Louisiana, page 3805 of the Journal, [respectfully report, that officers and members of Subordinate Lodges and Encampments, when visiting another Lodge or Encampment in a body, and introduced by their own officers, are *not* entitled to be received with "the honors of the Order."

R. A. LAMBERTON.
EDW. H. FITZHUGH,
J. GRISWOLD,
H. L. PAGE,
E. H. BARRY.

On motion, the rule was suspended, and the report was considered and adopted.

Rep. LOGAN, of Kansas, moved the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the rule requiring reports to lie on the table for one day be suspended for the balance of the session.

Rep. ELLIS, of Maryland, moved the following resolutions:

Resolved, That in all cases of application for membership in Subordinate Lodges or Encampments, under the immediate jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of the United States, from and after the adjournment of the present session, three black balls shall be necessary to reject the candidate.

Resolved, That the Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary be directed to transmit, in circular form under the seal of the Grand Lodge, a copy of the foregoing resolution to each Subordinate Lodge and Encampment, working under the immediate jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge.

The question being on the adoption of the resolution—

Rep. BARRY, of Indiana, moved to amend, as follows:

Amend by making the resolution to require three black balls to reject an applicant for admission to membership by initiation, and five black balls to reject an applicant for admission on card.

On motion of Rep. SLATER, of Ohio, the whole subject was postponed until the next session.

Rep. SIMPSON, of Pennsylvania, moved the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That at 2 o'clock P. M. this day this Grand Lodge will adjourn *sine die*.

Rep. LAMBERTON, of Pennsylvania, moved the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary forward to each of the Representatives the balance of the reports, and daily and revised journals, due them respectively, under resolutions passed at this session.

Rep. STOKES, of Pennsylvania, moved the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That in all cases, when privilege is asked to re-admit to membership members of defunct lodges or members suspended for non-payment of dues, under authority of the Constitutional Amendment adopted in reference thereto at this session, the application shall be accompanied by the action had by the Grand Body seeking the privilege, setting forth the reason and necessity for such legislation, and requesting the action of this Grand Lodge upon the subject.

Rep. STUART, of District of Columbia, moved the following resolution, which was *unanimously* adopted:

Resolved, That the thanks of this R. W. Grand Body be and the same are hereby tendered to the R. W. Grand Lodge and the R. W. Grand Encampment of Maryland, for the excellent collation furnished the members of this Grand Lodge during the present session.

Resolved, further, That this R. W. Grand Body desires to express, and does express its full appreciation of the considerate and fraternal kindness of our Maryland Brethern, in their oft repeated and continual efforts to contribute to the pleasure and comfort of its members, while attending its annual session, in the hospitable "City of Monuments."

Rep. STUART, of District of Columbia, moved the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the question of non-beneficial membership, for members suspended for non-payment of dues, and who cannot now be received into the Order under the present laws by reason of advanced age or bodily infirmity, be referred to a committee of five, to act during the recess of this Body, with power to report at its next session such legislation as may meet the growing wants of the Order with reference to that great question.

Rep. HAVENNER, of District of Columbia, moved the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That in order that the members of this R. W. Grand Body may vote upon the revision of the work, in accordance with the wishes of their State Grand Lodges and Encampments, Grand Representatives are hereby privileged to state verbally to their Grand Bodies the main features of the proposed revision.

Rep. HOMES, of Louisiana, submitted the following paper, and at his instance it was laid on the table:

WHEREAS, it is incumbent on the part of this Grand Lodge to give encouragement to every act that will tend to give strength to our Order, whether eminating from the initiatory members, or from the R. W. Grand Representatives; and to sustain us in this purpose we must give proper support to every project that has this end in view:

And whereas, the Subordinate Lodges of Louisiana, under the sanction of their R. W. Grand Lodge, have established an institution entitled Widows and Orphans' General Relief Association of Louisiana, for the better protection of their widows and orphans; and when the distribution of its charity commences the Louisiana branch of our Order must gain additional strength:

Be it therefore *Resolved*, That this R. W. Grand Lodge approves of the action taken by the R. W. Grand Lodge of Louisiana, in making the Widows and Orphans' General Relief Association an adjunct to that R. W. Grand Body: and would recommend all subordinate jurisdictions to this R. W. Grand Lodge to give the constitution of said association a favorable consideration, and particularly Article 4th, which reads as follows:

"The capital of the association shall not be less than ten thousand dollars, to be obtained by voluntary subscriptions, donations, &c. When that sum shall have been secured and received, one-half of the net interest or profits derived therefrom or accruing thereon shall be applied to the immediate relief of the widows and orphans of the I. O. O. F. of this State, and the other half of such net interest or profits shall be added to the capital, until a sum shall have been secured the interest on which shall, in the opinion of the association, be sufficient to afford a liberal aid to every widow and orphan under the charge of the I. O. O. F. in the State of Louisiana."

Rep. Ross, of New Jersey, from the Committee on Finance, made the following report, which was considered and adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Finance having considered the resolution of Rep. GRISWOLD on page 3812, of the Journal, recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the R. W. Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary be and he is hereby authorized and requested to have one hundred copies of the present fourth volume of the journal of this Grand Lodge printed, and as they may be ordered, bound and lettered volume 5, and supplied to applicants at $3.50 each, with a discount of 25 per cent. when ten copies or more are purchased at one time.

THEO. A. ROSS,
EDWARD P. BURNHAM,
JAS. TERWILLIGER,
DANIEL NORCROSS,
THO. C. COLEMAN.

Rep. RANSOM, of Kentucky, from the Committee on Mileage and Per Diem, made the following report, with accompanying table, which was considered and adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

Your Committee on Mileage and Per Diem herewith present a tabular statement of the mileage and per diem allowed each officer and representative, in accordance with the resolutions adopted at the present session, and submit the following resolution:

Resolved, That the mileage and per diem allowed in the accompanying table to each officer and representative is hereby ordered to be paid.

WM. F. SLATER,
A. H. RAMSON,
R. D. LANDERS,
HUGH LATHAM,
WM. H. BARNES.

TABLE OF MILEAGE AND PER DIEM.

NAMES.	PROFESSION.	TOWN.	STATE.	DISTANCE FROM BALTIMORE.	DAYS IN ATTENDANCE.	MILEAGE.	PER DIEM.	TOTAL.
GRAND OFFICERS.								
M. W. G. Sire Isaac M. Veitch.....	Sec'y Insurance Co....	St. Louis.....	Missouri	962	6	$96 20	$30 00	$126 20
R. W. D. G. Sire Jas. P. Sanders.	Lawyer	Yonkers.....	New York,.....	203	6	20 30	30 00	50 30
R. W. G. C. & R. S. Jas L. Ridgely	Farmer.....	Baltimore.....	Maryland.....	.....		.....	.....	.....
R. W. G. Treasurer JoshuaVansant	Hat Manufacturer.....	Baltimore.....	Maryland.....	.....		.....	.....	.....
R. W. G. Chap. I. D. Williamson.	Clergyman	Delhi	Ohio	642	6	64 20	30 00	94 20
R. W. G. Marshal Joseph Kidder..	Merchant.	Manchester.....	New Hampshire	444	6	44 40	30 00	74 40
R. W. G. Guardian A. Pfaff.....	Tobacconist.....	Philadelphia....	Pennsylvania...	100	6	10 00	30 00	40 00
R. W. G. Mess. J. E. Chamberlain	Mess. to Grand Lodge.	Baltimore.....	Maryland	.....		.....	.....	.....
REPRESENTATIVES.								
Andrews, H. B.	Lawyer	Galveston	Texas.....	2431	6	243 10	30 00	273 10
Armington, Henry.....	Merchant	N. Providence..	Rhode Island...	377	6	37 70	30 00	67 70
Babcock, C. H.....	Merchant	Brooklyn	Ohio	488	6	48 80	30 00	78 80
Barnard, F. J	Merchant	Mobile.....	Alabama.....	2206	6	220 60	30 00	250 60
Barnes, Wm. H.....	Railroad Agent	Macon	Georgia	1346	6	134 60	30 00	164 60
Barry, E. H.....	Grand Secretary	Indiannapolis ..	Indiana	700	6	70 00	30 00	100 00
Buell, W. P.....	Manufacturer.....	Nashua.....	New Hampshire	427	6	42 70	30 00	72 70
Burnham, E. P.....	Treas'r Savings Inst'te	Saco	Maine.....	517	6	51 70	30 00	81 70
Burwell, D. E.....	Manufacturer.....	Westville	Connecticut.....	268	5	26 80	25 00	51 80
Campbell, L. M.....	Attorney	Danville	Indiana.	725	5	72 50	25 00	97 50
Chidsey, Wm.....	Farmer.....	Springfield	Ohio	547	6	54 70	30 00	84 70
Coleman, T. C.....	Banker.....	Nashville	Tennessee.....	954	6	95 40	30 00	125 40
Cooley, M. H.....	Dentist.....	Farmington....	Iowa.....	1082	6	108 20	30 00	138 20
Dame, G. W.....	Clergyman	Danville	Virginia	310	5	31 00	25 00	56 00

Davis, J. J	Agent	Brooklyn	New York	188	6	$18 80	$30 00	$48 80
Dennis, B. W	Miller	Byron	Michigan	664	6	66 40	30 00	96 40
Doe, Ira C	Teacher	Saco	Maine	517	6	51 70	30 00	81 70
Doniphan, John	Lawyer	Weston	Missouri	1300	6	130 00	30 00	160 00
Dye, W. G	Publisher	Winona	Minnesota	1122	6	112 20	30 00	142 20
Ellis, F. A	Lawyer	Elkton	Maryland	52	6	5 20	30 00	35 20
Enholm, S. A	Mechanic	Mobile	Alabama	2206	6	220 60	30 00	250 60
Escavaille, Jos. B	Grand Secretary	Baltimore	Maryland	.....	6	.....	30 00	30 00
Farnsworth, E. D	Insurance Agent	Nashville	Tennessee	954	6	95 40	30 00	125 40
Fisk, J. F	Lawyer	Covington	Kentucky	634	6	63 40	30 00	93 40
Fitzhugh, E. H	Lawyer	Richmond	Virginia	121	6	12 10	30 00	42 10
Fleming, T. P	Merchant	Atlanta	Georgia	1243	6	124 30	30 00	154 30
Ford, W. E	Keeper Public Library	Boston	Massachusetts	420	6	42 00	30 00	72 00
Foster, F. M	Dentist	Jackson	Michigan	661	6	66 10	30 00	96 10
Foss, J. P	Merchant	Chicago	Illinois	802	6	80 20	30 00	110 20
Garey, H. F	Lawyer	Baltimore	Maryland	.....	6	.....	30 00	30 00
Goodrich, St. John	Printer	Omaha	Nebraska	1563	6	156 30	30 00	186 30
Granniss, E. C	Insurance Agent	Macon	Georgia	1346	6	134 60	30 00	164 60
Griswold, J	Insurance Agent	Mound City	Illinois	1013	6	101 30	30 00	131 30
Havener, J. F	Merchant	Washington	Dis. Columbia	40	6	4 00	30 00	34 00
Harvey, J. S	Lawyer	Indianapolis	Indiana	700	6	70 00	30 00	100 00
Hill, W. H	Clergyman	Sacramento	California	5878	6	587 80	30 00	617 80
Homes, Luther	Blacksmith	New Orleans	Louisiana	2021	6	202 10	30 00	232 10
Hopkins, W. H	Supt. Coal Co	Minersville	Pennsylvania	178	6	17 80	30 00	47 80
Jefferson, E. H	Upholster	Wilmington	Delaware	70	6	7 00	30 00	37 00
Jones, J. S	Physician	Boston	Massachusetts	420	6	42 00	30 00	72 00
Kingsbury, B. Jr	Judge	Portland	Maine	528	6	52 80	30 00	82 80
Kirkup, Joseph	Manufacturer	Cincinnati	Ohio	632	6	63 20	30 00	93 20
Lamberton, R. A	Lawyer	Harrisburg	Pennsylvania	85	6	8 50	30 00	38 50
Latham, Hugh	Omnibus Proprietor	Alexandria	Virginia	47	6	4 70	30 00	34 70
Landers, R. D	Merchant	Jacksonville	Illinois	957	6	95 70	30 00	125 70
Lewis, A. C	Real Estate Broker	Chicago	Illinois	802	6	80 20	30 00	110 20
Leech, E. J	Attorney	Keokuk	Iowa	1052	6	105 20	30 00	135 20
Logan, C. A	Physician	Leavenworth	Kansas	1310	6	131 00	30 00	161 00
McDonald, D	Magistrate	Racine	Wisconsin	864	6	86 40	30 00	116 40

TABLE OF MILEAGE AND PER DIEM.

NAMES.	PROFESSION.	TOWN.	STATE.	DISTANCE FROM BALTIMORE.	DAYS IN ATTENDANCE.	MILEAGE.	PER DIEM.	TOTAL.
McFarland, J. S.	Merchant Taylor	Concord	New Hampshire	462	9	46 20	30 00	76 20
McLean, W. R.	Printer	Washington	Dis. Columbia	40	6	4 00	30 00	34 00
Mantz, A. K.	Druggist	Baltimore	Maryland	.....	6	....	30 00	30 00
Marsh, Chas.	Civil Engineer	Nevada	California	5953	6	595 30	30 00	625 30
Marvin, C. A.	Dentist	Brooklyn	New York	188	5	18 80	25 00	43 80
Mayes, R. B.	Lawyer	Yazoo City	Mississippi	1396	6	139 60	30 00	169 60
Miller, G. J.	Tobacconist	Burlington	New Jersey	120	6	12 00	30 00	42 00
Millspaugh, H.	Assayer	New Orleans	Louisiana	2021	6	202 10	30 00	232 10
Mitchell, E.	Accountant	Charleston	South Carolina	718	6	71 80	30 00	101 80
Merriam, B. S.	City Clerk	Keokuk	Iowa	1052	6	105 20	30 00	135 20
Morse, S.	Mechanic	Brattleboro'	Vermont	387	6	38 70	30 00	68 70
Monroe, J. F.	Surveyor	Detroit	Michigan	594	6	59 40	30 00	89 40
Norcross, D.	Manfacturer	San Francisco	California	5753	6	575 30	30 00	605 30
Page, H. L.	Insurance Agent	Milwaukie	Wisconsin	887	6	88 70	30 00	118 70
Pollard, J. D.	News Agent.	Frankfort	Kentucky	762	6	76 20	30 00	106 20
Pulsifer, D.	Manufacturer	Manchester	New Hampshire	444	6	44 40	30 00	74 40
Ransom, A. H.	Railroad Agent	Covington	Kentucky	634	6	63 40	30 00	93 40
Rives, J. D.	Merchant	Evansville	Indiana	875	6	87 50	30 00	117 50
Ross, T. A.	Accountant	Newark	New Jersey	177	6	17 70	30 00	47 70
Schiefer, J. F.	Manufacturer	St. Louis	Missouri	962	6	96 20	30 00	126 20
Simpson, J. A.	Lawyer	W Philadelphia	Pennsylvania	105	6	10 50	30 00	40 50
Sharp, J. W.	Physician	Camden	Delaware	121	6	12 10	30 00	42 10
Slater, W. F.	R. R. Superintendent.	Columbus	Ohio	513	6	51 30	30 00	81 30
Smith, J. W.	Insurance Agent	Waterbury	Connecticut	311	6	31 10	30 00	61 10

Stern, Meyer	Merchant	New York	New York	186	6	$18 60	$30 00	$48 60
Stokes, J. W	Lawyer	Philadelphia	Pennsylvania	100	6	10 00	30 00	40 00
Smith, James	Book-Keeper	London	Canada West	548	6	54 80	30 00	84 80
Stratton, James	Pharmaceutist	Bordentown	New Jersey	129	6	12 90	30 00	42 90
Stuart, F. D	U. S. Navy	Washington	Dis. Columbia	40	6	4 00	30 00	34 00
Swanton, E	Merchant	Brooklyn	S. New York	188	6	18 80	30 00	48 80
Terwilliger, Jas	Clerk State Senate	Syracuse	N. New York	399	6	39 90	30 00	69 90
Thomson, J. L	Railroad Police	Wilmington	Delaware	70	6	7 00	30 00	37 00
Tower, L. F	Merchant	New Orleans	Louisiana	2021	6	202 10	30 00	232 10
Tucker, J. C	Supt Public Buildings	Boston	Massachusetts	420	6	42 00	30 00	72 00
Thompson, W. H	Plumber	St. Louis	Missouri	962	6	96 20	30 00	126 20
White, J. H	Lawyer	Albion	N. New York	474	5	47 40	25 00	72 40
Wood, James	Engraver	Providence	Rhode Island	375	6	37 50	30 00	67 50
Utley, O	Collector Customs	Middletown	Connecticut	305	6	30 50	30 00	60 50
				75,811	547	7,581 10	2,735 00	10,316 10

Rep. FITZHUGH, of Virginia, offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That Grand Secretary JAMES L. RIDGELY be respectfully requested to present to each member of this Grand Lodge a copy of the Eulogy on the life and character of P. G. Sire THOMAS WILDEY, pronounced by him at the request of the Grand Lodge of Maryland.

Rep. LATHAM, of Virginia, presented to the Grand Lodge of the United States a bound copy of the journal of the Grand Lodge of Virginia.

On motion of Rep. SIMPSON, of Pennsylvania, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the volume be accepted with the thanks of this Grand Lodge, and the same be placed in the archives of this Grand Lodge.

Rep. HARVEY, of Indiana, from the Committee on Petitions, made the following report, which, on motion, was considered and adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Petitions, to whom was referred the petition of sundry Subordinate Lodges of the State of West Virginia, asking for a charter for a Grand Lodge, to be located and held at Wheeling, in said state, together with so much of the report of the M. W. Grand Sire as relates to that subject, report:

That they have examined the petition and papers accompanying the same, and find that the petition is signed by the representatives of eleven Subordinate Lodges of West Virginia, and is in due form. Your committee are of the opinion that it would advance the best interests of the Order in West Virginia to grant the prayer of the petitioners. The committee therefore recommend for adoption the following resolution:

Resolved, That a charter is hereby granted for a Grand Lodge to be located and held at Wheeling, in the State of West Virginia, to be known as the R. W. Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F. of West Virginia, and that the M. W. Grand Sire is requested to institute or cause the same to be instituted at his earliest convenience.

J. S. HARVEY,
ALEX. K. MANTZ,
B. W. DENNIS,
W. H. HOPKINS,
JAMES SMITH.

Rep. HARVEY, of Indiana, from the same committee, made the following report, which was considered and adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Petitions, to whom was referred the petition of five Subordinate Encampments of the State of West Virginia, asking for a charter for a Grand Encampment in said State, together with so much of the report of the M. W. Grand Sire as relates to that subject report:

That your committee have examined the petition and accompanying papers, and find the petition to be in due form, and signed by the representatives of five Subordinate Encampments.

Your committee believe it would be for the best interest of the Order in West Virginia to grant a charter for such Grand Encampment. They therefore recommend for adoption the following resolution:

Resolved, That a charter be and is hereby granted for a Grand Encampment to be located and held at Wheeling, in the State of West Virginia, to be known as the R. W. Grand Encampment, I. O. O. F., of West Virginia, and that the M. W. Grand Sire is requested to institute or cause the same to be instituted as early as practicable.

J. S. HARVEY,
ALEX. K. MANTZ,
B. W. DENNIS,
W. H. HOPKINS,
JAMES SMITH.

Rep. BARRY, of Indiana, from the Legislative Committee, made the following report, which was considered and adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Legislative Committee, to whom was referred the preamble and resolution of Rep. GRISWOLD, of Illinois, relative to the deposit of expired withdrawal cards by applicants for charters, (Journal, page 3820,) have had the same under consideration, and, believing that further legislation is necessary for the uniform working and advancement of the Order, offer the following for your consideration and adoption:

Resolved, That from and after this date expired withdrawal cards may be received on deposit for applications for charters of Subordinate Lodges; and for charters for subordinate Encampments, where the holder of such cards are contributing members of Subordinate Lodges.

R. A. LAMBERTON,
EDW. H. FITZHUGH,
H. L. PAGE,
J. GRISWOLD,
E. H. BARRY.

Rep. HARVEY, of Indiana, moved the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the R. W. Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary be directed to transmit to the Grand Secretaries of the several Grand Lodges one copy of the new Ritual revision, and that such Secretaries shall keep the same in their several offices, to be examined *only* by the Representatives to the next session of this Grand Lodge.

Prior to the next meeting of this Grand Lodge the respective Grand Secretaries shall deliver such revised copy to a Representative to the next session of this Grand Body, taking from him duplicate receipts therefor, one of which shall be transmitted to the R. W. Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary, and the Representative shall, on the first day of the next session of this Grand Lodge, deliver the revised work to the R. W. Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary.

On motion of Rep. LEECH, of Iowa, the vote just had by which the resolution of Rep. HARVEY, of Indiana, was adopted, was reconsidered.

The question recurring on the adoption of the resolution, it was not agreed to.

Rep. MAYES, of Mississippi, rose in his place and addressed the Grand Lodge as follows:

Most Worthy Grand Sire: I have deferred till this late day the performance of a melancholy duty, because I hoped that it would be better and more appropriately performed by my senior colleague, or by the Representative from the Grand Encampment of my State. Both of these having failed to reach here, I proceed to announce the death of Past Grand Representative William A. Strong, of Carroll county, Mississippi, who came to his death by the hand of violence in the month of June last.

The residence of Brother Strong was too remote from mine for such an intimate association as would enable me to form any just estimate of his social and domestic virtues. In our brief and casual meetings, I ever found him a genial companion, sanguine, bouyant, and of infinite zest. My acquaintance with him commenced in the halls of the Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment of Mississippi, in 1858, and there we have met annually since that time until the present year. He was prompt in attendance upon both these bodies, over both of which he had presided, and both of which, at different periods, returned him as Grand Representative to this Right Worthy Body. He was prompt in his attendance, and was a zealous, active, and efficient member, whose services will be sadly missed by the Brotherhood in Mississippi. His zeal in behalf of the Order continued unabated till his death. In June last, with two other Past Grand Representatives, he addressed to me, as Grand Master and Grand Patriarch, a letter with reference to a meeting of the Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment of the State of Mississippi. The next intelligence which I received concerning him was his untimely death.

Those who have been long accustomed to attend the meetings of this Body will well remember Brother Strong, for he was a man of mark, and not soon to be forgotten. These will join with me in deploring the unfortunate occurrence by which he was cut off in the prime vigor of his manhood.

Rep. MAYES, of Mississippi, submitted a form of funeral service, which was referred to the Committee on Revision.

Rep. UTLEY, of Connecticut, moved the following resolution, which was *unanimously* adopted, R. W. D. G. Sire SANDERS presiding:

Resolved, That the Grand Lodge of the United States, with feelings of gratitude, thank the M. W. Grand Sire for the dignified, able, and impartial manner in which he has presided over the deliberations of this Grand Lodge.

Rep. BURNHAM, of Maine, offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary be and he is hereby directed to furnish the members of the Committee on Revision with one copy each of the printed report of said committee, the same to be returned to this Grand Lodge at its next session.

Rep. LEECH, of Iowa, submitted the following proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Oregon, which at his instance were ordered to be printed and to lie on the table until next session:

I. O. O. F.

Office of the Grand Secretary,

[SEAL.] R. W. GRAND LODGE OF THE STATE OF OREGON.

Salem, Aug. 4, 1865.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

Among other proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Oregon at its session in May, 1865, the following was had:

Question No. 10. Are all or any of the members of a Subordinate Lodge enti-

tled to a travelling card, and annual travelling pass-word, when they do not intend to travel beyond this jurisdiction, but merely take them as a receipt for dues?

On motion of Rep. MAYHEW, of No. 5, the whole matter relating to question No. 10, was referred to our Grand Representative, to present the same to the Grand Lodge of the United States for decision.

A. L. STINSON, Grand Master.

Attest, CHESTER N. TERRY, Grand Secretary.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The following proceeding was had at the last session of the Grand Lodge of Oregon, to wit:

The Committee on the State of the Order made the following report, which was adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Oregon:

Your Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was referred certain portions of the report of the M. W. Grand Master, Samuel E. May, and of the R. W. Grand Representative, M. S. Burrell, submit the following report:

In relation to the condition upon which R. W. Grand Representative M. S. Burrell was admitted to a seat at the last session of the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, we recommend the passage of the following resolutions:

Resolved, That we regret the action of the Grand Lodge of the United States in attaching a condition to the admission of our R. W. Grand Representative, M. S. Burrell, to a seat in that R. W. Grand Lodge at its last session; that the evidence furnished by telegraph of the appointment of our Representative on that occasion was the best evidence it was possible to furnish, and such evidence as several States in this Union, keeping pace with the advance of the age, have sanctioned in divers proceedings in courts of justice, and such evidence as is now acted upon without hesitation in the most important affairs of business throughout the world.

Resolved, That our R. W. Grand Representative, M. S. Burrell, or his successor, as the case may be, be instructed to call the attention of the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States to this subject at its next regular session.

Fraternally submitted.

W. W. UPTON,
R. MALLORY,
N. C. MAYHEW,
Committee.

A. L. STINSON, Grand Master.

Attest, CHESTER N. TERRY, Grand Secretary.

SALEM, OREGON, Aug. 4, 1865.

Rep. MERRIAM, of Iowa, moved to reconsider the vote had on yesterday, rejecting the proposed amendment to section 5, article 1, of the Constitution, page 3833 Journal, which was not agreed to.

Rep. MERRIAM, of Iowa, laid upon the table the following amendment to the Constitution:

Amend section five of article first by striking out the words, "by the unanimous vote," and inserting in lieu thereof the words, "with the concurrence of four-fifths of the members of this Grand Lodge."

B. S. MERRIAM,
JAMES STRATTON,
JAS. TERWILLIGER

Rep. SMITH, of Canada West, moved the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the thanks of this R. W. Grand Lodge be and are hereby extended to the members of Hook and Ladder Company No. 1, of the Fire Department of the City of Baltimore, and particularly to Mr. McGraw, Foreman of said Company, for his able and skilful services in unveiling the Statue of Charity on the Wildey Monument, on the day of inauguration.

The Chair submitted the following communication:

Baltimore, Sept. 23d, 1865.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

DEAR SIRS AND BROTHERS: Permit me to present to the honorable Body over which you preside "a Bust of P. Grand Sire Thomas Wildey;" and in doing so it is not necessary for me to add my most exalted opinion of the principles which he established, and of the growing prosperity of the same, within the various jurisdictions which you represent.

With the hope that this small token of regard for you, and the cause in which you are engaged may meet your favor,

I am, very truly, yours, in fellowship,
JAMES FRYER, of Iris, No. 48.

On motion of Rep. GOODRICH, of Nebraska, the presentation was accepted, and the thanks of the Grand Lodge returned to the donor.

Rep. MANTZ, of Maryland, moved the following resolution:

Resolved, That a copy of the Journal of this R. W. Grand Lodge be presented to the "Historical Society of Maryland," together with any other publications relating to the history and progress of the Order which may be in the possession of the Grand Lodge.

Rep. TERWILLIGER, of Northern New York, moved to amend as follows, which was agreed to:

"And to the Astor Library, in the City of New York."

The question recurring on the resolution as amended, it was adopted.

The Chair announced the following committees.

Special Committee under a resolution to revise the work of the Order in the German Language, page 3800, Journal. Reps. HILL, of California; STERN, of Southern New York; TUCKER, of Massachusetts; PULSIFER, of New Hampshire; SHARP, of Delaware.

Special Committee on Non-beneficial Membership, under resolution of Rep. STUART, of District of Columbia: Reps. STUART, of District of Columbia; GAREY, of Maryland; THOMPSON, of Missouri; THOMPSON, of Delaware; MCFARLAND, of New Hampshire.

Rep. STUART, of District of Columbia, moved the following resolution, which, on motion, was laid on the table;

Resolved, That a committee of five be appointed, who shall draw for seats to be occupied by the Representatives at the next session of the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States.

Rep. Goodrich, of Nebraska, offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That hereafter the keys of Representatives' desks shall be retained by the Grand Messenger until called for by the Representatives entitled thereto.

Rep. Stern, of Southern New York, moved the following resolution, which was not agreed to:

Resolved, That all after the words "in writing" of the second resolution, on page 3709, of the journal of proceedings of 1864, be striken out.

The business of the session having been concluded, the M. W. Grand Sire called upon the R. W. Grand Chaplain, who addressed the Throne of Grace as follows:

Our Father, and our God: We give thanks to thy name that thou hast graciously granted us the life and strength to bring the labors of this session of the Grand Lodge to a close. We pray that thy blessing may rest upon these labors so that they may tend to the furtherance of the high and holy objects of our beloved Order. We bless thee for the harmony and brotherly love that have prevailed in our midst; that no root of bitterness has sprung up amongst us; no note of discord has been heard in our councils; but we have sat together as in heavenly places, and in the holy and peaceful spirit of Friendship, Love, and Truth. So may it be evermore, and do thou save us alike from internal commotion and external danger. May this perfect union of our Order be the presage of the perpetual and cordial union and integrity of our great nation. And now that we are about to separate from each other, let thy blessing be upon us, and thy guardian care attend us to our several places of abode; and may we carry with us renewed devotion to the great cause in which we are engaged. Bless we beseech thee, Heavenly Father, our Order every where, and grant that it may be built upon the solid basis of truth and love, that it may stand while the world standeth. Bless, oh Lord the widows and orphans, who are many in the land, and let thine ear be attentive to the wail of anguish that goeth up from the hearts of the bereaved and afflicted, and help them to endure patiently and in hope. Keep us in thy fear and wisdom, and receive us at last to the enjoyment of thyself, and thine be the glory, as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen:

Whereupon the M. W. Grand Sire called upon the R. W. Deputy Grand Sire to proclaim the Lodge adjourned *sine die:*

D. G. Sire Sanders, before closing the annual session, addressed the Grand Lodge as follows:

Most Worthy Grand Sire and Representatives:

Before performing the last, and to me the most unpleasant duty of my office at this session—that of separating brothers, who in all human probability will never all assemble together again on this earth—permit me in the name of the Representatives of the *two* Grand Lodges and Encampments of Southern and Northern New York, to tender to you, in your collective and individual capacity, the warmest thanks for the many favors and fraternal greetings they and their predecessors have received at your hands, in the meetings of this R. W. Grand Lodge.

for the past fifteen years, and to extend to you Representatives, in the name of the members of the Order of the State of New York, their kind regards for your action in again uniting the Lodges and Encampments in their State, hoping and believing that their best interests will be subserved by your unanimous action, and that the State of New York will be again found to be the Empire State of Odd Fellowship. I need not say, my brothers, that I unite with them in their gratitude and kind regards, and trust that your efforts at this session to extend and increase the blessings of our beloved Order may redound to your glory, not only here, on this earth, but in that Eternal Lodge above, may you have the great joy of that blessing that belongs to those who endeavor to carry into our actions the great teachings of our Divine Master. My brethren farewell; may the effect of your legislation at this session redound to the benefit of our beloved Order, and may we all feel that we have faithfully performed the duties intrusted to our respective care.

The Deputy Grand Sire, having concluded his remarks, now formally proclaimed the Lodge adjourned *sine die*.

JAMES L. RIDGELY.
Cor. and Rec. Secretary.

INDEPENDENT ORDER OF ODD-FELLOWS.

FRIENDSHIP, LOVE, AND TRUTH.

ANNUAL COMMUNICATION

OF THE

Grand Lodge of the United States,

Held in the City of Baltimore, September, 1866.

MONDAY, September 17, 1866—9 o'clock A. M.

The R. W. Grand Lodge assembled this day, being the regular Annual Communication, when, upon a call of the roll, the following members were found to be present:

OFFICERS

ISAAC M. VEITCH.....M. W. Grand Sire.
JAMES P. SANDERS.....R. W. Deputy Grand Sire
JAMES L. RIDGELY.....R. W. Grand Cor. and Rec. Secretary.
JOSHUA VANSANT.....R. W. Grand Treasurer.
REV. I. D. WILLIAMSON.....R. W. Grand Chaplain.
JOSEPH KIDDER.....R. W. Grand Marshal.
AUGUSTUS PFAFF.....R. W. Grand Guardian.
JOHN E. CHAMBERLAIN.....R. W. Grand Messenger.

And Representatives from twenty-four Grand Lodges, and sixteen Grand Encampments, as follows:

FROM GRAND LODGES

P. G. M. Wm. E. Ford.....Massachusetts.
P. G. M. Edwin Swanton.....New York.
P. G. M. J. Alexander Simpson.....Pennsylvania.
P. G. M. Wm. R. McLean.....District of Columbia.
P. G. J. W. Sharp.....Delaware.
P. G. L. F. Tower.....Louisiana.
P. D. G. M. James Stratton.....New Jersey.
P. G. Hugh Latham.....Virginia.
P. G. M. R. B. Mayes.....Mississippi.
P. G. M. Jacob F. Scheifer.....Missouri.
P. G. Walter G. Dye.....Minnesota.
P. D. G. M. John P. Foss.....Illinois.
P. G. Origen Utley.....Connecticut.
P. G. Thomas T. Smiley.....Tennessee.
P. G. M. Wm. Thayer.....South Carolina.
P. G. E. C. Granniss.....Georgia.
P. G. M. E. P. Burnham.....Maine.
P. G. M. B. W. Dennis.....Michigan.
P. G. M. David McDonald.....Wisconsin.
P. G. M. Sewell Morse.....Vermont.
P. G. M. J. S. McFarland.....New Hampshire.
P. G. M. Erie J. Leech.....Iowa.
P. G. M. Henry Armington.....Rhode Island.
P. G. M. James Smith.....Canada West.

FROM GRAND ENCAMPMENTS.

P. G. M. Henry F. Garey.....Maryland.
P. G. M. John W. Stokes.....Pennsylvania.
P. G. M. Wm. F. Slater.....Ohio.
P. G. P. George W. Dame.....Virginia.
P. G. P. George I. Miller.....New Jersey.
P. G. M. John Doniphan.....Missouri.
P. G. M. Fred. D. Stuart.....District of Columbia.
P. G. M. Wm. H. Barnes.....Georgia.
P. G. P. J. F. Munro.....Michigan.
P. G. M. E. D. Farnsworth.....Tennessee.
P. G. P. L. K. Barber.....Mississippi.
P. G. P. F. J. Barnard.....Alabama.
P. G. John L. Thompson.....Delaware.
P. G. P. R. D. Landers.....Illinois.
P. G. P. Daniel Norcross.....California.
P. G. M. John H. White.....New York.

A quorum being present, Rev. Bro. I. D. Williamson, R. W. Grand Chaplain, addressed the Throne of Grace, as follows:

O Thou, who art the Creator and Ruler of the Universe, in whom all creatures live, and move, and have their being, hear, we beseech thee, the voice of our supplications, and let thine ear be attentive to the prayer we offer before thee. By thy good providence we have been spared through the labors and vicissitudes of another year, and we are assembled here a goodly company, from the East, and the West, and the North, and the South,

the representatives of a great and blessed family upon whom God has smiled as upon few of the institutions of men. For this we thank thee. And we give thee most hearty thanks that in the midst of the commotions of the times thou hast preserved the unity and integrity of the Order. Of the tie that binds us in one body, not a strand has been sundered, not a link has been broken, so that there is yet left upon the earth one hallowed sanctuary where men can pay their devotions at the altar of Friendship, Love and Truth, and, forgetting their divisions and animosities, remember that they are men and brethren; that humanity is greater than a creed or party, and God greater than all. And now, Heavenly Father, we invoke thy blessing upon our beloved Order through all the earth; grant that it may continue to prosper abundantly. Bless this Grand Lodge, and all the State Grand and Subordinate Lodges, and give success to all their labors for the upbuilding of the Order. Let thy blessing rest upon the Grand Sire, and all the officers and members of this Grand Lodge, that they may be solid and thoughtful, and that they may be so guided by thy wisdom that all their doings may redound to thy glory and the good of this Order. Hear us, we pray thee, for the sick and the distressed, the widows and the orphans everywhere, and strengthen them by thy Divine Grace, that they may endure in the patience of Hope. Hear our prayer, oh God, and return us gracious answers of peace, and to thy name be the glory forever. Amen.

The Deputy Grand Sire, having examined the Representatives, and declared them duly qualified, by order of the Grand Sire proclaimed the Lodge open for the transaction of business.

The Chair announced the following Committee on Credentials:

Reps. LEECH, of Iowa; GRANNISS, of Georgia; UTLEY, of Connecticut; MILLER, of New Jersey; THOMPSON, of Delaware.

On motion of Rep. STRATTON, of New Jersey, the reading of the Journal of last session was dispensed with, and it was approved as printed.

Rep. LEECH, of Iowa, from the Committee on Credentials, made the following report, which, on motion of Rep. STOKES, of Pennsylvania, was adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Credentials have duly attended to the duty assigned them, and find the following persons entitled to seats in this Grand Body—their credentials being correct and in due form:

FROM GRAND LODGES.

P. G. M. JOHN W. CARTER	Ohio.
P. G. M. WM. M. ALLEN	California.
P. G. M. HENRY E. PERKINS	Texas.
P. G. M. GEORGE L. TOWNSEND	Connecticut.
P. G. M. IRA DOE	New Hampshire.
P. G. M. M. J. DURHAM	Kentucky.
P. G. M. R. A. LAMBERTON	Pennsylvania.
P. G. LOUIS F. BEELER	West Virginia.
P. G. ALEXANDER MCKINSTRY	Alabama.
P. G. M. W. S. BURTON	Iowa.
P. G. M. SAMUEL W. HODGES	Massachusetts.

P. G. M. JOSHUA MARIS.....Delaware.
P. G. THOMAS C. COLEMAN.....Tennessee.
P. G. JOHN F. HAVENNER.....District of Columbia.
P. G. M. JOHN L. MILTON.....Mississippi.
P. G. M. THOMAS G. STEELE.....West Virginia.
P. G. M. WM. H. THOMPSON.....Missouri.
P. G. CRIS TAYLOR.....Oregon.
P. G. GEORGE DAMON.....Florida.
P. G. M. JACOB J. HOCHSTETLER.....Nebraska.
P. G. P. E. H. BARRY, (vice HARVEY D. SCOTT,).....Indiana.
P. G. WM. M. FRENCH, (vice DENNIS GREGG, deceased)Indiana.
P. G. M. RICHARD MARLEY.....Maryland.
P. G. M. QUARTUS H. BARRON.....Wisconsin.
P. G. M. CORNELIUS A. MARVIN, (2 years,).....New York.
P. G. M. EDWIN SWANTON, (1 year,).....New York.
P. G. M. BENJAMIN KINGSBURY, JR.....Maine.
P. G. M. RICHARD BRAGG.....Arkansas.
P. G. P. THEODORE A. ROSS.....New Jersey.
P. G. M. JOHN G. DEITZ.....Georgia.
P. G. M. JEREMIAH GRISWOLD.....Illinois.
P. D. G. Sire E. H. FITZHUGH.....Virginia.
P. G. M. CORNELIUS A. LOGAN.....Kansas.
P. G. L. F. TOWER, (1 year,).....Louisiana.
P. G. M. LUTHER HOMES, (2 years,).....Louisiana.
P. G. M. JOHN MCKENZIE.....South Carolina.
P. G. M. F. M. FOSTER, (vice G. W. BEISEL, resigned,).Michigan.
P. G. M. WM. J. HOKE.....North Carolina.
P. G. COLUMBUS BARTLETT, (vice W. H. HILL, res'd)..California.

FROM GRAND ENCAMPMENTS.

P. C. P. WM. L. HYLAND.....West Virginia.
P. G. P. R. W. HALL, (vice JAS. C. TUCKER, resigned,)Massachusetts.
P. C. P. JAMES HOOK.....Indiana.
P. G. P. ROYAL G. MILLARD, (2 years,).....New York.
P. G. M. JOHN H. WHITE, 1 year,).....New York.
P. G. P. WM. C. BECKETT.....Maine.
P. G. P. M. S. DOWDEN, (2 years,).....Kentucky.
P. G. P. J. G. MARTIN.....South Carolina.
P. G. M. CHARLES H. BABCOCK.....Ohio.
P. G. JOHN B. GLENN.....Iowa.
P. D. G. Sire H. L. PAGE.....Wisconsin.
P. G. P. ALBERT S. BABCOCK.....Illinois.
P. G. WM. A. GILMAN.....California.
P. G. JOHN H. BAILEY.....Pennsylvania.
P. G. P. WM. H. PEARSON.....Massachusetts.
P. G. M. GEO. W. HAM.....Rhode Island.
P. C. P. A. H. RANSOM, (1 year,).....Kentucky.
P. G. M. A. WALLACE HUNTER.....Louisiana.
P. G. JOS. B. ESCAVAILLE.....Maryland.
P. C. P. DANIEL NORCROSS.....California.
P. G. P. FRED'K BOTSFORD.....Connecticut.
P. G. M. G. W. WEEKS, (vice D. PULSIFER, deceased,).New Hampshire.

Respectfully submitted.

ERIE J. LEECH,
GEO. J. MILLER,
E. C. GRANNISS,
O. UTLEY,
J. L. THOMPSON,

On motion of Rep. MUNRO, of Michigan, a committee was appointed to draw for seats, to be occupied by the Representatives of the jurisdictions subordinate to the Grand Lodge, after the manner heretofore adopted and pursued.

The Chair named Reps. MUNRO, of Michigan, BABCOCK, of Ohio, WEEKS, of New Hampshire, HOMES, of Louisiana, and FRENCH, of Indiana, as the committee.

Rep. MUNRO, of Michigan, from the committee on that subject, made the following report, which was, on motion of Rep. LAMBERTON, of Pennsylvania, adopted and the Representatives were seated accordingly:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The committee appointed by this R. W. Grand Lodge to draw seats to be occupied by the respective jurisdictions, report the following as the result, to wit:

District of Columbia.....1, 2, 3	Michigan.....51, 52, 53
Maryland.....4, 5, 6, 7	Illinois.....54, 55, 56, 57
Pennsylvania.....8, 9, 10, 11	Delaware.....58, 59, 60
Wisconsin.....12, 13, 14	Virginia.....61, 62, 63
New Jersey.....15, 16, 17	Alabama.....64, 65
South Carolina.....18, 19, 20	New Hampshire.....66, 67, 68
Mississippi.....21, 22, 23	California.....69, 70, 71, 72
Georgia.....24, 25, 26	Kentucky.....73, 74, 75, 76
Vermont.....27	Louisiana.....77, 78, 79
Rhode Island.....28, 29	Minnesota.....80
New York.....30, 31, 32, 33	Canada West.....81
Lower Provinces.....34	Massachusetts.....82, 83, 84, 85
Texas.....35, 36, 37	Connecticut.....86, 87, 88
Tennessee.....38, 39, 40	Missouri.....89, 90, 91
Arkansas.....41	Iowa.....92, 93, 94
Kansas.....42	Maine.....95, 96, 97
Florida.....43	Oregon.....98
West Virginia.....44, 45, 46	Ohio.....99, 100, 101, 102
Nebraska.....47	Indiana.....103, 104, 105, 106
North Carolina.....48, 49, 50	

Respectfully submitted,

J. F. MUNRO,
W. M. FRENCH,
C. H. BABCOCK,
G. W. WEEKS,
LUTHER HOMES.

Rep. STUART, of the District of Columbia, moved the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That members of the Order who have attained the proper rank may be admitted within the Grand Lodge during its deliberations, when properly vouched for, and introduced to the Grand Guardian, by the Representatives respectively from jurisdictions to which the visitors may be attached.

Rep. MARVIN, of New York, moved the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That during its present communication this Grand Lodge will meet daily at 9 A. M., take a recess for thirty minutes at 12 M., and adjourn at 3½ P. M. until further notice.

The M. W. Grand Sire submitted his Annual Report, as follows:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

REPRESENTATIVES: By the favor of a kind Providence, who has mercifully preserved our lives amid "the pestilence that walketh in darkness, and the destruction that wasteth at noonday," we are again permitted to convene in this place as the supreme judicatory of our beloved Order, that as its faithful stewards we may show what improvement we have made of the talents committed to us, recite the triumphs of our cause, recount the success of our efforts in its behalf, and here offer upon the high altar of Odd-Fellowship the tribute of gratitude and praise to Him who has continued to us individually His multiplied blessings, and ever manifested towards our institution the signal tokens of his approving smile.

The recurrence of the annual communications of this Body is an event of no ordinary importance to the Order at large, and brings with it vast and responsible duties to the Officers and Representatives composing it.

As your chief Executive Officer, exercising a general superintendence of the Order in the administration of its affairs during the recess of the Grand Lodge, it is my duty to present you a report of my official acts, embracing such decisions as may have been rendered since your last session. Upon you devolves the duty of reviewing these acts and decisions, and of adopting such measures as may best advance the great objects of our organization.

Although you come together as the Representatives of separate jurisdictions, and are expected to reflect the views and wishes of your immediate constituents, yet you will be influenced by no sectional feelings or local prejudices in your legislative capacity, but be animated by a controlling and paramount desire to promote the general welfare of a common cause whose interests and destiny are confided to you.

Let us enter upon the duties before us with a reliance upon Divine wisdom, that in all our deliberations we may be guided to such conclusions as will tend to the development and perpetuity of the principles for which we are laboring, and make them more and more a blessing to mankind.

It affords me pleasure to state that the general condition of the Order is highly gratifying. At no former period of its history on this continent has it exhibited greater vigor and prosperity than at the present time, especially in that portion of the general jurisdiction which was exempt from the depressing effects of the late civil contest, and which has enjoyed uninterrupted fraternal intercourse.

The meeting of the Representatives from the various sections of the Order, at your last session, after so long a separation, and the cordial and happy reunion of the Brotherhood which then took place, gave to the entire Order a fresh impetus, and imparted to it a renewed zeal, which in the main continues unabated.

The past year has been indeed one of unexampled success in our moral and benevolent enterprise. In most of the jurisdictions the accessions have been large, and probably have exceeded those of any previous year. The returns already received indicate that the net gain in the membership for the past year is largely in excess of any corresponding period in the annals of the Order.

While it is true we have not realized the full measure of the generous hopes which the events of the last session so fondly inspired in reference to

that portion of our Brotherhood occupying the Southern section of our field, yet we have the assurance that, nothwithstanding their prostrated condition, they exhibit cheering indications of resuscitation and vitality, and the progress of Odd-Fellowship among them, under all the circumstances of their situation, is as encouraging as could be expected. The devotion which they have always shown to the Order in the past, and which they still manifest, is a guarantee of its future prosperity in these jurisdictions, and auspicious of the best and most lasting results. We trust the time is not far distant when, with the return of their material prosperity, they will rally their energies to greater triumphs in the cause of Odd-Fellowship than even in the former and better days of their history.

Let us continue to evidence towards our Southern brethren our warmest sympathy in their protracted trials and sufferings. Their condition strongly appeals to the benevolence of the whole Order. The destruction of their halls, lodge rooms, furniture and regalia by the ravages of war, was in some sections almost total and complete. Their efforts to rebuild their halls and to refurnish them have been to some extent promptly and liberally aided by the more favored portions of the Order, and should continue to receive our fraternal assistance.

It will be apparent to the Grand Lodge, from a review of the correspondence of the Grand Officers with the several Southern jurisdictions during the past year, that our brethren in that section are struggling against great difficulties and embarrassments in their noble efforts to revive the Order and to restore it to its former prosperous condition. They raise the "Macedonian cry," and I am sure that voice will meet with a cordial response in the generous heart of this Grand Body. To that end I respectfully recommend that power be conferred upon the Grand Sire to correspond with the Grand Officers in these jurisdictions, with a view to arrange some effective plan of aid by which the welfare of the Order in the South may be promoted. It is believed that this aid may be effectually supplied, either by a personal visitation of the Grand Sire, or by the appointment of a Special Commissioner for that object, or by both conjointly.

I avail myself of the occasion to congratulate you not only upon the elevated condition of prosperity the Order has attained, but also upon the unity which has ever distinguished it amid the discordant elements that have surrounded it on every hand. In contrast with the disorganizing spirit so prevalent in our times, Odd-Fellowship has everywhere maintained, by the inherent power of a broad charity, its noble and sublime unity. While nearly every other organization has been sundered by the repelling forces of conflicting interests, our Order has preserved unbroken its organic and national bond of affinity, and is unitedly and faithfully engaged in its great work of benevolence and love.

Odd-Fellowship has thus given to the world a practical demonstration of the fundamental principles that characterize it, and which constitutes it one of the most successful moral agencies among men. The value and benefits of its example cannot fail of its effect on the public mind, which has justly accorded to it a high conservative influence in re-establishing peace and good will among all classes of society.

At your last session the two Grand Lodges which had previously existed in the State of New York, were consolidated into one jurisdiction under the title of the R. W. Grand Lodge of the State of New York.

A similar enactment was also adopted uniting the Grand Encampment of Southern New York and the Grand Encampment of Northern New York, to be known as the R. W. Grand Encampment of the State of New York, and the Grand Sire was required to issue his proclamation in each case, making known to these jurisdictions, and the Order at large, the changes ordained by these enactments.

In conformity with this direction, I issued on the 25th day of September last the proclamations required, copies of which are herewith submitted.

The union of the former Grand Bodies of New York has been happily consummated, having assembled together at the time fixed upon for their first annual sessions respectively, and the Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment are each now represented on this floor by their duly accredited Representatives.

One, however, who contributed much to this result, and who took a prominent part in bringing about this desirable object, is not with us to-day, to partake of our joy and gratulations. Our joy is turned to sorrow, and our gratulations to lamentation, when we record the death of that veteran Odd-Fellow, Grand Representative and Grand Master JOHN J. DAVIES, of the jurisdiction of New York. For many years he was an honored, able, and efficient member of this Body, and an earnest and faithful laborer in the cause he so much loved. His death, at this time, when one of the great objects of his useful life had been accomplished, is peculiarly and inexpressibly sad. His loss will long be deplored by the Order.

The charters granted at your last session for the Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment of West Virginia, were placed in the hands of R. W. Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary JAMES L. RIDGELY, with commissions to institute the same, which duty he performed with characteristic ability, and in a highly satisfactory manner, on the fifth day of December last, at the city of Wheeling, and these two Grand Bodies were regularly constituted, and assumed their positions in our confederation.

The first annual session of the Grand Lodge of West Virginia was held on the 24th day of April, when twenty-five Lodges were represented, and the prospects of Odd-Fellowship in the jurisdiction are flattering. The Grand Master in his report to the Grand Lodge says that "the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Virginia, in his report to the annual session of that Body, alluded to the institution of the Grand Lodge of West Virginia, and expressed the hope that the two jurisdictions may live side by side in harmony and brotherly love: and, though divided as separate jurisdictions, that no root of bitterness may ever spring up to destroy the cordial and friendly relations that now prevail." These kind sentiments are fully and fraternally reciprocated by the Grand Master of West Virginia, in the report referred to.

At the session of the Grand Lodge of the United States of 1864, the only Encampment then existing in the State of Kansas—Far West Encampment, No. 1, located at Leavenworth—was "attached to the jurisdiction of the Grand Encampment of Missouri, until there may be sufficient number of patriarchs in Kansas to petition for a State Grand Encampment." It coming to my knowledge that the Grand Encampment of Missouri, under a misapprehension of the authority conferred by this action, had instituted another Encampment in Kansas, it became my duty to arrest the proceedings, and upon proper petition the warrant was regularly issued by me.

In the exercise of the prerogatives of the office empowering me to receive petitions and grant warrants for opening new Lodges and Encampments during the recess in places where Grand Bodies do not exist, I have during the past year duly issued the following, viz:

On the 8th day of December, a warrant was issued to a constitutional number of patriarchs at Windsor, Canada West, for Frontier Encampment, No. 2.

A warrant was granted on the same day to eight patriarchs for an Encampment at London, Canada West, to be hailed as Harmony Encampment, No. 3.

Upon the petition of a requisite number of brothers residing at the town of Black Hawk, Colorado Territory, I issued a warrant for Colorado Lodge, No. 3, bearing date April 14th.

On the 12th day of May a warrant was issued for Schiller Encampment, No. 2, located at Leavenworth, in the State of Kansas.

To a competent number of patriarchs residing at Topeka, in the same State, a warrant was issued on the 12th day of June for an Encampment at that place, to be known as Shawnee Encampment, No. 3.

On the 16th day of July, a warrant was granted to twenty patriarchs residing at Lawrence, in the same State, for Mount Oread Encampment, No. 4.

To a constitutional number of brothers residing at Denver, Colorado Territory, I issued a warrant for another Lodge in that city, to be called Denver Lodge, No. 4, and dated September 7th.

Upon the application of nine patriarchs residing at Burlingame, in the State of Kansas, a warrant was granted on the 21st day of September for Osage Encampment, No. 5, located at that town.

Thus our Order is rapidly occupying the new States and Territories of the far West, and we may confidently expect that ere long there will be a continuous chain of Grand Bodies extending to the Pacific, whose representatives will annually assemble in our fraternal Congress.

The indications now are that Kansas will, at this session, ask for a Grand Encampment in that State. An application will also be made at this session for a Grand Lodge in Nevada. In this Territory the Order has emulated the zeal of their brethren of California, under the supervision of the Grand Bodies of which, it has expanded and become, within a comparative short period, remarkably prosperous—having ten flourishing Lodges, with a membership of over six hundred.

In no part of our wide-spread jurisdiction has Odd-Fellowship been more successful than on the Pacific Coast. In the State of California it has risen, within the last fifteen years, from a feeble beginning of a single Lodge and a few members, to be one of the largest and most influential jurisdictions in the Order, and now numbers one hundred and twenty-three working Lodges, with an aggregate membership of seven thousand, who are nobly illustrating the glorious principles of our institution in that interesting State. Within the past year the Order in California has been called upon to mourn the loss of one of its brightest ornaments and most zealous champions, in the demise of P. G. R. and P. G. M. SAMUEL H. PARKER. He was one of the pioneers of Odd-Fellowship on the Pacific Coast, and his life and talents were ardently devoted to its service. It was his distinguished honor to institute the Grand Lodge of California in 1852, and was elected its first presiding officer, a position for which he was eminently fitted, and on several occasions was a member of this Body. It is not invidious to say that to him, more than to any other individual, is the Order in California indebted for its present prosperous condition. His works in its behalf have passed into history, and his memory will be cherished with veneration and gratitude, and long abide in the affections of his brethren.

An act of the Legislature of the Territory of Colorado, incorporating Union Lodge, No. 1, of that Territory, was some time since transmitted to me by the Lodge for my approval. On examination of its provisions it was found that it placed the government and direction of the *affairs* of the Lodge in the members thereof, in their corporate capacity, thereby necessarily including all Lodge business, whether in relation to property or otherwise; conferring powers altogether inconsistent with its subordination, and permitting under a fair construction of its provision, a division of the funds of the Lodge among its members. I therefore directed the Lodge not to accept the act of incorporation. Had the act merely vested the right of holding and managing real estate or other property, in the Lodge, under and subject to the laws and jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of the United States, and to remain in full force only so long as its authority was respected and it laws obeyed, no objection would have been interposed on my part in the premises.

In this connection I respectfully suggest the adoption of a law by this Body, prohibiting Subordinates under its immediate jurisdiction from applying for acts of incorporation, or accepting the same, unless they are first submitted to, and have the sanction and approval of the Grand Lodge of the United States, or the Grand Sire during the recess.

In my judgment the subject is of sufficient importance to demand the

passage of a general law, which would make it obligatory upon all State Grand Bodies to require all acts of incorporation for their Subordinates to contain a provision prohibiting the distribution of their funds among the membership, and requiring each Grand Body to obtain, if possible, from their respective State or Territorial Legislatures a statute making it a penal offence for any Subordinate to divide its funds among its membership.

During the vacation but few questions involving important or material points of law and usage have been submitted to me. Much of the correspondence of the office has been in relation to inquiries which are fully answered by the Digest—and in most cases a simple reference thereto would have been conclusive, and obviated the necessity of propounding the interrogatories

Among the decisions rendered are the following, reserving one or two others, which will be presented at the proper time in secret session:

First. When the Constitution of a Grand Body designates and fixes the place of its meetings, and that instrument is amended so as to permit the Grand Body to determine by resolution, or otherwise, where its sessions shall be held, such amendment must be approved by the Grand Lodge of the United States, and until approved the Grand Body must continue to meet at the place required by its Constitution prior to the adoption of the amendment.

Second. In all cases where a Lodge is about to ballot for a brother to receive his degrees, to be conferred either in that Lodge or in a Degree Lodge, the Lodge must close in the initiatory degree, previous to opening in the degrees to be balloted for.

Third. When a Lodge is open in the first degree, and has concluded the business to be transacted in such degree, and desires to open in the second degree, the Lodge must close in the first degree before opening in the second degree, in the manner and form prescribed by the Degree Charge Book—and the same rule applies to all degrees.

Fourth. The proceedings of a Lodge, when open in the degrees, may be read and approved at such time as the local law may provide, either at the same meeting at which the proceedings took place, and before closing in the particular degree, or at a subsequent meeting when open in that degree.

Fifth. Certificates issued to members of an extinct Subordinate by the proper officers of the State Grand Body, in conformity with the existing laws of the Grand Lodge of the United States, do not require the countersignature of the Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary to make them available, but all such certificates are to be recognised by every Subordinate to which they may be presented, whether in or out of the jurisdiction issuing them—as having the same force and effect, and entitling the holders thereof to all the privileges of a card of withdrawal issued by an existing Subordinate in good standing.

Sixth. The force and effect of the law regulating membership in the Patriarchal branch of the Order is not checked or destroyed by the neglect or failure of the Secretary of a Lodge to give notice to an Encampment of either the granting of a withdrawal card to one of its members who is also a member of an Encampment, or the renewal of membership in a Lodge by deposit of card, but that whenever an Encampment is satisfied of the *fact*—in whatever form it may be presented—of the withdrawal of one of its members from a Lodge, or the renewal of his membership in a Lodge, in either case it is sufficient under the existing law to establish the status of the Encapment membership.

Seventh. The A. T. P. W. required of a brother to prove himself in possession of, when he offers to visit a Subordinate on a visiting or unexpired withdrawal card, or is an applicant for membership therein by deposit of a proper card, is the A. T. P. W. of the year in which the card was issued and bears date.

Eighth. In reply to a question "whether a Lodge after its adjournment can go through and rehearse the *old* initiatory ceremony to its members?" I gave it as my opinion that the rehearsal in any of the halls or lodge rooms of the Order of any work which is not the present recognised work in use, and prescribed as such by the Grand Lodge of the United States, is clearly against all propriety, and that such a practice is highly censurable, improper and irregular, and should not be permitted by the Grand Officers of a Grand Body.

Ninth. My opinion has been asked from several quarters whether raffles, lotteries, gift enterprises, &c., gotten up by hall associations and Lodges, ostensibly for building halls, &c., were not in violation of the law of the Grand Lodge of the United States prescribing the manner and form of asking relief by Subordinates, and invoking my official interposition in suppressing such schemes.

I gave it as my opinion that they were not inhibited by the law referred to, unless there was an evident design to evade the law by resorting to such schemes for the purpese of obtaining relief, where the requisite permission could not be obtained from the proper authorities, and that it was competent for the State Grand Bodies to prohibit such schemes emanating from their jurisdictions, or being laid before their Subordinates when coming from any other jurisdiction.

This plan of soliciting aid is obnoxious to the moral sense of the Order, and meets with general condemnation, and I respectfully suggest that some law be enacted at this session controlling *all* applications for pecuniary assistance, in every form in which they may be presented to the Order, whether from Hall associations, Lodges, Encampments, or otherwise, and requiring in all cases the approval and recommendation of the Grand Bodies or Grand Officers of the jurisdiction from which such applications may come, and also of the jurisdictions in which they desire to ask for aid.

Notwithstanding the Grand Lodge of the United States has declared that societies of the Degree of Rebekah, who hold regular meetings, and work in that Degree are illegal, it is believed that they still exist and in full operation in some of the jurisdictions, and I respectfully recommend additional legislation on the subject, requiring the State Grand Bodies to suppress them within their limits, and prohibit their organization among them.

It has also come to my knowledge that the law in reference to Union Degree of Rebekah Lodges is totally disregarded in some localities, while in others it is evaded by a number of Lodges contiguous to each other, especially in larger towns and cities, regularly or occasionally meeting to confer this Degree jointly on lady candidates who may be present. The instructions accompanying the work of this Degree seem to contemplate that it is to be conferred on ladies at a special meeting of *the* Lodge in which it has been regularly granted. If, however, the degee may be conferred in any other Lodge on the presentation of a proper certificate and request of the Lodge issuing it, the instructions should more clearly indicate the permission to do so, that all misapprehensions in reference thereto may be avoided.

I am advised that it is the practice in certain localities for a number of Lodges to hold joint meetings to confer the Degree of Rebekah on the evenings of the first day of the week, commonly recognised as the Christian Sabbath. In my judgment this practice tends to lower the moral standing of our Order in the estimation of a considerable portion of every Christian community in which it is done. The respect which is properly due to this day should, I conceive, be accorded to it by our Order, and it ought not therefore to be employed for the prosecution of the ordinary work of the Order, except in cases of emergency, and the necessary duty of visiting the sick and burying the dead.

The privilege hitherto confided to the Grand Bodies on the Pacific coast to readmit to membership members of the Order residing in their limits, who

may have become suspended for non-payment of dues in other jurisdictions, was by a constitutional amendment adopted at your last session, substantially extended to all jurisdictions under certain restrictions. By the terms of this amendment and the resolution relating thereto subsequently adopted, the application for this privilege must come from a Grand Body, setting forth the reasons and necessity therefor. No provision is, however, made for giving this privilege to Subordinates under the immediate jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge. It is apparent that, if the law is necessary and expedient in its application to California, Oregon, and Kansas, it is equally so to New Mexico, Colorado, andUtah, and its immunities and benefits should be extended to the Order in the Territories named, and all other localities where no Grand Bodies exist, and where it is deemed proper to grant this privilege. It is respectfully submitted that this Body, in the exercise of its legitimate authority, is competent to do this by the adoption of a special resolution, without any violence to the constitutional amendment, or the resolution regulating applications to be made in conformity therewith.

The law governing the admission of non-affiliating Odd-Fellows contemplates the re-admission of members who have been *suspended* for the non-payment of dues only, but while it is the practice of some jurisdictions to expel for this cause also, it is manifest that without proper discrimination on the part of the jurisdictions exercising the privilege, they may re-admit members who have been *expelled* from the Order for the non-payment of dues, and on examination it will perhaps be found that in numerous instances this has been done in the jurisdictions in which the law has been in operation.

The Grand Lodge of the United States has emphatically declared that "expulsion for the non-payment of dues is an extreme punishment, confounds misfortune with crime, is not in accordance with the sublime principles of Odd-Fellowship, and is impolitic and unjust." It is therefore obvious that consistency and propriety, as well as the protection of the rights of the membership, imperatively demand a uniform law prohibiting a Subordinate from expelling a member for the non-payment of dues.

The suspensions for the non-payment of dues, as exhibited by the statistics of the Order, are so large as to excite our solicitude and prompt us to some effort to reduce the alarming annual aggregate. The records of the Order demonstrate that the losses for this cause alone exceed those from all other causes combined, approximate in numbers nearly one-half the initiations, and that but a very small proportion of those suspended ever become reinstated. The inquiry then naturally arises whether some plan cannot be devised by which the loss of so many members under our present system may be, to some extent at least, prevented. With a profound conviction that the subject is one of vital importance to the whole Order, I earnestly commend it to your serious and careful consideration.

The Order in British North America and Lower Provinces was at one period in a flourishing condition, but more recently it has made but little process, except in Canada West, where a Grand Lodge exists and the Order therein is quite prosperous. In the Lower Provinces, however, the Order has perceptibly declined, while in Canada East the Order, so far as we are advised, has entirely ceased to work. In view of this condition of the Order in these localities, and with the hope of reviving it therein, it is recommended that a Special Commissioner be appointed to visit the sections named, with ample authority to restore charters of extinct Lodges, and institute new ones wherever a Grand Lodge does not exercise jurisdiction. The Special Commissioner might also, if deemed expedient, be clothed with powers to treat with the Manchester Unity of Odd-Fellows in the British Possessions of North America, with a view to an alliance and full communion with them on their accepting our work.

I also recommend that the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Canada West be extended over the Province of Canada East.

At the Communication of 1864 the Committee on the Revision of the Work of the Order submitted a report of the result of their labors, the consideration of which was postponed to the next or last session, and at that time the subject was recommitted to the committee with instructions to report at this session.

As it was essentially necessary to have the committee called together for further conference and action, and as no provision had been made to defray the expenses attending such a meeting, I assumed the responsibility to authorize the chairman to convene the committee in Baltimore a few days prior to this session of the Grand Lodge. This was accordingly done, and at the proper time the committee will report to you their proceedings.

I enjoin upon you, Representatives, as watchmen on the walls of Odd-Fellowship, to be ever vigilant and zealous in the defence of its sacred cause. The entire Order looks to you with confidence that the great trust devolving on you will be faithfully fulfilled. Help forward its mission with all the ability, energy, and influence you possess. Vindicate and strengthen its organic unity—exemplify its teachings—practice its virtues, and be the true exponents of its precepts. Be steadfastly and uncompromisingly loyal to its noble principles. As tried veterans in the moral contest it is waging against Selfishness, you have been assigned the honorable post of duty in the very vanguard of the Grand Army of Humanity. It is for you to lead on the mighty host to victory. With a lofty heroism and an undaunted courage, continue to press onward to new and glorious conquests, until the banner of CHARITY is unfurled in every land, until Peace sways it gentle but omnipotent sceptre over the entire habitation of man, and all the nations, kindreds, and tribes of earth shall be united in a UNIVERSAL BROTHERHOOD.

ISAAC M. VEITCH, *Grand Sire.*

BALTIMORE, September 17, 1866.

The report having been read, on motion of Rep. BARRY, of Indiana, it was referred to a special committee of three for the purpose of distributing the several subjects therein referred to, to appropriate committees.

The Chair named Reps. BARRY, of Indiana, PERKINS, of Texas, and BRAGG, of Arkansas, as the committee.

The R. W. Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary submitted his Annual Report, as follows

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The undersigned, R. W. G. Corresponding and Recording Secretary, respectfully submits the Annual Report of his office. The several duties specially devolved upon him to be performed during the recess are comprised within the subjoined resolutions:

1. *Resolved*, That the R. W. Grand Secretary cause to be printed ten copies of the Daily Journal, for the use of each officer and member of the Grand Lodge.

2. *Resolved*, That the Right Worthy Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary forward to the Representatives of Grand Bodies under the jurisdiction of this Right Worthy Grand Lodge, who are absent from this session, the same number of copies of proceedings and other documents furnished the representatatives of this R. W. Grand Body, and shall also furnish the same

number of copies of proceedings and other documents as are furnished to the Grand Secretaries of such Grand Bodies as are represented at this session.

3. *Resolved*, That the Grand Secretary be, and hereby is, authorized to furnish, upon reasonable credit, to Southern jurisdictions, whatever supplies he may deem necessary during the current year.

4. *Resolved*, That the R. W. Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary be and is hereby instructed to present to each Grand Representative of this R. W. Grand Lodge, who has not already received the same, one copy of the bound Revised Journal and Digest.

5. *Resolved*, That the R. W. Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary be, and is hereby authorized to contract with Bro. JOHN Y. SLATER for the printing of the Revised Journal of Proceedings of the present session in accordance with his proposals herewith submitted and marked "Accepted by the Committee on Printing;" the paper marked "approved" to be used by the contractor in printing the same.

6. *Resolved*, That the R. W. G. C. and R. Secretary be and he is hereby authorized and requested to have made, as soon as possible, by a competent person, a translation into the German language of the form of Public Installation of officers of Subordinate Lodges, and have the same printed and distributed in the same manner as the original edition.

7. *Resolved*, That the R. W. Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary be authorized to receipt in full for the books destroyed between Louisville and Nashville by guerillas, the amount being $92.00.

8. *Resolved*, That the thanks of the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States are tendered to Hon. JAMES HARLAN, Secretary of the Interior; Hon. JOSEPH S. FOWLER, U. S.Senator from Tennessee; Hon. RICHARD WALLACH, Mayor of the city of Washington; and the Hon. JOHN W. GARRETT, President of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company, for their kind courtesy, and for their many marks of respect shown to our Order, through your committee, and that the Grand Secretary carry this resolution into effect.

9. *Resolved*, That the Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary be and he is hereby requested to publish in the Appendix to the Revised Journal, the debate had in the Grand Lodge upon the report of the Committee on Finance remitting the dues of the Southern Grand Bodies, and also to collect and collate all the proceedings had on the occasion of the dedication of the Wildey Monument, and connected therewith; including the speeches made on the stand on the day of dedication; at the banquets given by the Corporation of Baltimore, and by the Merchants and Business Men of Baltimore; and that he have full power and discretion to omit any part of such proceedings which in his judgment may be proper.

10. *Resolved*, That the R. W. Grand Corresponding Secretary be requested to inform the several Grand Lodges and Encampments, by circular ,or otherwise, upon the next annual meeting of said Bodies, that the revision of the work will come specially before this R. W. Grand Lodge at its next session for consideration and final action.

11. *Resolved*, That the Grand Secretary be requested to transmit a copy of the resolutions unanimously adopted, recognising the obligations due by the Grand Lodge, upon the occasion of the Wildey Monument dedication, to the City Authorities, to the Merchants Committee of Arrangements, and to the Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment of Maryland.

12. *Resolved*, That the thanks of the Grand Lodge be presented to Bro. JOHN T. FORD, for his polite invitation to attend the performance at the Theatre under his management: to ARTEMUS WARD, for his invitation to visit his entertainment at the Concordia Opera House: to Messrs. PORTER and DUDLEY, for the privilege of the Merchants' Exchange and News Rooms, extended in their invitation: to HENRY TYSON, Esq., President of the City Passenger Railway Company, for tickets for the use of the members of the Grand Lodge: to the Treasurer of the Peabody Institute: to the Superintendent of the House of Refuge: to the gentlemen of the State Tobacco

Warehouse: to Messrs. G. W. GAIL & AX: and to all others whose desire to render the visit of the Grand Representatives pleasant and profitable was manifested by invitations to visit institutions and to inspect objects of general interest.

13. *Resolved*, That a copy of the report of the Special Committee on the death of P. G. Sire ROBERT BOYLSTON be furnished to the family of our departed brother.

14. *Resolved*, That the Grand Secretary be and he is hereby directed to procure a portrait of P. G. Sire BOYLSTON from such source as he may be able, and have the same placed in the Hall of this Grand Lodge.

15. *Resolved*, That the Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary forward to each of the Representatives the balance of the reports, and daily and revised journals, due them respectively under resolutions passed at this session.

16. *Resolved*, That the R. W. Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary be and he is hereby authorized and requested to have one hundred copies of the present fourth volume of the journal of this Grand Lodge printed, and, as they may be ordered, bound and lettered volume five, and supplied to applicants at $3.50 each, with a discount of 25 per cent when ten copies or more are purchased at one time.

17. *Resolved*, That the Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary be and he is hereby directed to furnish the members of the Committee on Revision with one copy each of the printed report of said committee, the same to be returned to this Grand Lodge at its next session.

18. *Resolved*, That the thanks of this R. W. Grand Lodge be and are hereby extended to the members of Hook and Ladder Company, No. 1, of the Fire Department of the City of Baltimore, and particularly to WILLIAM A. MEGRAW, Foreman of said Company, for his able and skillful services in unveiling the Statue of Charity on the Wildey Monument, on the day of inauguration.

19. *Resolved*, That four weeks previous to the holding of any session of this Grand Lodge, it shall be the duty of the Grand Secretary, through one daily paper of the city in which such session is held, to invite proposals for the printing of the Journal of this Body, the printer to furnish the necessary paper, and to stitch and cover the Journal, ready for distribution—the printing to be done according to the style of the Revised Journal, and the matter to be stereotyed, and the plates to be delivered to the Grand Secretary, in good order, as the property of the Grand Lodge of the United States, as soon as a sufficient number of copies are struck off to meet the purposes of the law requiring the distribution of the proceedings, which number the Grand Secretary must state, as near as practicable, in the advertisement. And such proposals for the said work as may be received shall be filed away by the Grand Secretary, with their seals unbroken, until twelve o'clock noon of the first day of the session therein designated, after which time no more proposals shall be received, and such as shall have been received shall be placed in the hands of the Committee on Printing, to be by them opened, examined, and decided upon.

20. *Resolved*, That in future the Grand Secretary be directed to advertise for proposals to print the Daily Journal, not to exceed five hundred copies daily, as directed by the 28th By-Law for printing the Revised Journal, and the said proposals be required to be handed in to the Grand Secretary at least ten days previous to the meeting of the Grand Lodge, and the same to be opened by the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer, who shall award the contract to the lowest and most responsible bidder.

21. *Resolved*, That a copy of the Journal of this R. W. Grand Lodge be presented to the Historical Society of Maryland, and to the Astor Library in the city of New York, together with any other publications relating to the history and progress of the Order which may be in the possession of the Grand Lodge.

The first, second, third, and fourth resolutions have been severally complied with.

A contract was entered into, in the usual form, pursuant to the fifth resolution, with Bro. JOHN Y. SLATER, for printing the Revised Journal, which has been executed to the satisfaction of the Corresponding Secretary; the work was promptly distributed, as the law directs, so soon as received from the printer.

The sixth resolution has been carried into effect. The form for Public Installation has been translated into the German language by a competent person, and has been printed and distributed as required. The seventh and eighth resolutions have been each respectively obeyed.

In relation to the ninth resolution, the Corresponding Secretary begs to express his sincere regret that it was not in his power to discharge the duty therein devolved upon him. Soon after the adjournment letters were addressed to each Representative who was known to have participated in the debate had upon the report of the Committee on Finance remitting the dues of the Southern Grand Bodies: the responses to these communications were comparatively few in number, and among those from whom no answers were received, were some of the most prominent of the Representatives from Southern Jurisdictions; in some instances those who answered declined to write out their remarks, and others furnished a very abridged statement. Under these circumstances, it became wholly impracticable to comply with the first branch of the resolution. Nor did any better success attend the effort "to collect and collate all the proceedings had on the occasion of the dedication of the Wildey Monument and in connection therewith." I hoped to collect from the newspapers of the day the proceedings at the Monument and at the several banquets given in honor of the Grand Lodge, a satisfactory material to meet the direction given to me in the second branch of the resolution, but upon examining these publications I discovered that, with very limited exception, the report supplied from that source was meagre, and in no sense even an approximate reflex of the speeches made on the occasion. Some speeches, it was true, were reported properly, but others were much mutilated and misconceived. With the assent of the M. W. Grand Sire, for the reasons above stated, the Corresponding Secretary deemed it wise to defer any attempt to comply with the resolution, and to reserve the material which might be supplied, to await at the next session such disposition of it as the Grand Lodge should order.

At an early moment after the close of the last session, the Corresponding Secretary took occasion, as directed by the tenth resolution, to address a circular letter to each Grand Body under the Jurisdiction, conveying the information "that the revision of the work would come specially before the R. W. Grand Lodge at its present session, for consideration and final action." A copy of which circular accompanies this report.

The eleventh and twelfth resolutions, so honorable to the character of the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, and worthy of the memorable occasion, which suggested the proceedings referred to, received the prompt attention of the Corresponding Secretary. Beside letters of thanks in your behalf to the many citizens and public institutions of Baltimore, for their courtesies and marked attentions extended to the Grand Lodge on the occasion of the Wildey Monument dedication, a public recognition of the high appreciation entertained for their generous offices was also made in the newspapers of the city of Baltimore, over the official signature of the Corresponding Secretary, in which the interesting proceedings had in Grand Lodge on the subject were recited in detail, a copy of which is annexed.

I have great pleasure in the report, which it is my duty and my privilege to make, in obedience to the directions of the thirteenth and fourteenth resolutions. The subject was one to which the Grand Lodge had given a deliberate and appreciative consideration. The eminent virtues of the beloved and lamented BOYLSTON; his long and faithful services to the Order,

especially as a member of the Grand Lodge; the circumstances of his untimely death, abruptly snapped, as it were, like a vigorous branch from the tree of life, by the blast of a terrific and resistless storm; his noble, generous, affable and winning nature; all these, and yet a thousand other graces of life and character which no words of mine can even feintly describe, but yet, fresh and fragrant in the memory of all who knew him, have been grouped with a genius and appropriateness eminently worthy of the subject, by the very able committee which pronounced at the last session upon his death. This eulogium, and the proceedings had in connection with it, will form a record tablet upon the pages of our history fit to be transmitted to posterity as an example of the genuine Odd-Fellow, worthy to be emulated by all who realize the full idea of man's true mission on earth. This elaborate memorial I was directed to transmit to the bereaved widow and family of the deceased, as a tribute of your sincere condolence. I felt the force of the reponsibility, and could have wished the charge had been committed to other hands; the duty, however, was mine, and has been performed; the correspondence on the subject, eliciting, as it has, the noble and heartfelt acknowledgments of the stricken widow, is herewith submitted. As directed by one of the resolutions, a portrait has been procured from the best material within my reach. It now graces the walls of the Grand Lodge chamber, and is in view of the Grand Representatives; each will be able to judge for himself of its accuracy and fidelity to the orignal. As a work of art, the Corresponding Secretary esteems it to be worthy of commendation, and for similitude and resemblance he believes it to be, in view of the facilities of the artist and the material at hand, a decided success. This portrait has been executed in duplicate. The remaining copy is in the hands of the artist, and I respectfully recommend that it be obtained and presented to the family of the deceased.

The duty enjoined in the fifteenth resolution has been carried into effect.

Contract was made, by authority of the sixteenth resolution, for printing and binding one hundred copies of the present fourth volume of the Journal, to be lettered volume five, and to conform to the old edition, with a view to supply persons having that work on hand. This volume has been delivered to purchasers upon the terms and at the price prescribed by the resolution.

The seventeenth resolution has been complied with in so far as application has been made for the work.

I have had great pleasure in promptly carrying into effect the eighteenth resolution. A special letter of thanks in your behalf was also transmitted to Wm. A. Megraw, Foreman of No. 1 Hook and Ladder Company of the Fire Department of the city of Baltimore.

Herewith I submit copy of advertisement in the Baltimore Commercial, in obedience to the nineteenth and twentieth resolutions, directing the publication, through one daily paper of the city in which the session is held, inviting proposals for printing the Revised and Daily Journal. The proposals received for printing the Revised Journal, and under seal, will be handed to the Committee on Printing. The proposals for printing the Daily Journal, the Corresponding Secretary and Grand Treasurer, by authority of law, have opened, considered, and determined: the contract has been awarded to P. G. Rep. James Young, he "being the lowest and most responsible bidder."

I have performed the very gratifying charge committed to me by the 21st resolution, of transmitting to the "Historical Society of Maryland," and to the "Astor Library in the city of New York," each a copy of the Revised Journal of Grand Lodge of United States, and also a copy of the "Covenant." The presentation to the former was made by the Corresponding Secretary in person at the Hall of the Society, in the city of Baltimore, and to the latter, through D. G. Sire James P Sanders, of Northern New York, who kindly consented to represent the Grand Lodge on the occasion. Herewith I submit the correspondence on the subject, from which it will appear that

the latter service was performed with the accustomed ability of the distinguished brother of Northern New York, to whom it was committed.

The Corresponding Secretary has received the Bust of P. G. Sire THOMAS WILDEY, cast in plaster, and presented through JAMES FRYER, of Iris Lodge, by HERMON D. A. HENNING, Esq., its author, and the thanks of the Grand Lodge has been, as directed, returned to the donor. The Bust is, in the judgment of the undersigned, an admirable delineation of the original, and I submit, respectfully, that it be placed upon an appropriate pedestal in the Lodge room.

Other and highly responsible duties devolved upon the Corresponding Secretary relate to the secret work, and will be the subject of a special report to the appropriate session.

The Journals of Proceedings of the several State Grand Bodies have been received as follows:

GRAND LODGES.

New Jersey, Session of 1865, pamphlet.
Kansas, October 10 and 11, 1865, pamphlet.
Indiana, Session, 1865, Annual, pamphlet.
Nebraska, Session, 1865, Annual, pamphlet.
Tennessee, Session, 1865, Annual, pamphlet.
Iowa, Session, 1865, Annual, pamphlet.
Massachusetts, Aug. Session, 1865, and Feb., 1866, Semi-Annual, pamphlets.
Michigan, Session, 1866, Annual, pamphlet.
Maryland, Session, 1866, Annual, pamphlet.
Kentucky, Session, 1865, Annual, pamphlet.
West Virginia, Session, 1866, Annual, pamphlet.
Connecticut, Session, 1866, Annual, pamphlet.
Canada West, Session, 1865, Annual, pamphlet.
Pennsylvania, Nov., 1865, to May, 1866, pamphlet.
Mississippi, July, 1861, and August, 1865, pamphlet.
Minnesota, June, 1866, Annual, pamphlet.
Illinois, 1865.
Massachusetts, August, 1866, pamphlet.

GRAND ENCAMPMENTS.

Massachusetts, August, 1866.
New Jersey, 1865, pamphlet.
Iowa, 1865, pamphlet.
Maryland, 1865, pamphlet.
Wisconsin, 1866, pamphlet.
Indiana, 1865, pamphlet.
Kentucky, 1865, bound.
District of Columbia, 1864 and 1865, pamphlet.
Ohio, 1866, pamphlet.
Missouri, 1866, pamphlet.
Illinois, 1865, pamphlet.
New Hampshire, 1865, pamphlet.
Northern New York, 1865, pamphlet.
California, 1866, pamphlet.

I have also to acknowledge the regular receipt at this office of the several periodicals devoted to the cause of Odd-Fellowship, published in the general jurisdiction, and to congratulate the Grand Lodge upon the increasing value of these auxiliaries in behalf of the Order. The following list comprises the respective periodicals received, for which the thanks of the Grand Lodge are justly due:

American Odd-Fellow...By P. G. M. JOHN W. ORR, New York.
New Age.....By P. G. Rep. D. NORCROSS & Co., San Francisco.
Odd-Fellows' CompanionBros. LILLY & SIEBERT, Cincinnati, Ohio.
Odd-Fellows' Union.....Bros. REYNOLDS & SON, Springfield, Illinois.

I have great pleasure in reporting that the correspondence during the year has been of the most gratifying character; by far the largest demands have been made for supplies during the vacation since my incumbency of the office of Corresponding Secretary, and an unusual interest has been manifested in all the jurisdictions in transmitting official information. The following summary, deduced from the Annual Reports and general correspondence, presents the approximate condition of the Order.

Canada West.—The Annual Report from this Grand Lodge has been transmitted by the Worthy Grand Secretary in due season, showing the existence of thirteen Lodges, each in a most prosperous condition, with an aggregate membership of nearly nine hundred. Bro. KING remarks in his interesting letter accompanying the report "that the Annual Session of the Grand Lodge held at Brantford on the 2d of August, 1866, was one of the most happy and agreeable meetings it had been their privilege to enjoy; that the Order was on the increase in the jurisdiction, and it was believed would go on increasing until every city and town in Canada West would be blessed with its Lodge of Odd-Fellows."

Lower Provinces of British North America.—I am in receipt of two communications during the past year from Bro. JOHN MATHESON, Grand Secretary of this Grand Lodge—the one dated July 6th, the other August 8th, 1866. In the first I am informed that the Grand Lodge has been removed from Halifax to Albron Mines; that three Lodges exist in the jurisdiction, all of which are at successful work, and that new life has been infused into the Order since the change of the location of the Grand Lodge. A Grand Representative has been elected, whose presence may be expected at the present session.

Michigan.—Odd-Fellowship in Michigan is represented by sixty active working Lodges, embracing a membership of nearly four thousand. These Lodges are scattered throughout the State, in every considerable town or village, and are exerting the happiest influence wherever located. There are also thirteen Encampments in existence in the State, each of which is in good condition. The much esteemed Grand Secretary, Bro. B. VERNOR, writes, "that it gives him satisfaction to be able to report the number of new members to be nearly double that of any former year, and that the Order is in a most healthful condition. He further remarks that P. G. M. DENNIS is now on a visit to the Upper Peninsula, doing a glorious work in that district, and that Michigan may be set down as a live State in Odd-Fellowship."

Maine.—Bro. EDWARD P. BANKS, the exemplary Grand Secretary of this Grand Lodge, advises me by letter dated September 3d, 1866, that "he has the pleasure to report a small gain in membership, which fact encourages him to hope that the lowest point of declension has been reached. Two Lodges, which were reported at our Annual Session, 1865, as having suspended work and divided their funds among the members, have been resuscitated during the year under most favorable circumstances. Their ultimate prosperity and usefulness seem to be secured beyond a doubt. Some of our Encampments have also had a year of prosperity, and I return a small increase in this branch. The three fine Lodges in Portland suffered heavily by the great fire on the fourth of July last. Their splendid hall, one of the most convenient and elegant in the country, with all the regalia, emblems, seals, &c., was swept away, with two thousand other buildings, by this stern and awful calamity. The two Encampments also lost everything in their line. The Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment lost many of their valuable papers, seals, &c., as well as its collection of printed proceedings of other state Grand Bodies and of the Grand Lodge of the United States."

Massachusetts.—Fifty-nine Subordinate Lodges and fourteen Encampments are reported as at prosperous work in this ancient and valuable jurisdiction. There are nearly six thousand members in the Subordinate Lodges, and over fourteen hundred patriarchs. The amount of revenue reached the sum of $52,000, and the disbursements for relief during the year amounted

to $26,307. This exhibit is highly gratifying, showing as it does, a large increase in the strength of the Order in Massachusetts, in numbers, finances, and general ability to meet, in every respect, all the responsibilities which its advancing prosperity necessarily involves. Among the most interesting incidents connected with the progress of the Order in this jurisdiction was the movement made by the brotherhood to raise a fund for the relief of the widows and families of Odd-Fellows, independently of the Lodge funds. The plan adopted was by means of a Fair, which was a perfect success. The distinguished Grand Representative of that State, Bro. WM. E. FORD, referring to this pleasing incident, writes as follows: "Our Fair has just closed up its accounts, and will net us about $10,000. This will enlarge our burial lot at Mount Hope Cemetery, and add a monument which I trust will be creditable to our beloved Order; the rest will be funded; the interest will be expended in relieving cases of distress amongst the widows and families of Odd-Fellows. We prefer to give in an independent way, rather than go into an open Lodge and ask for assistance. Often times there is too much talk on the question, and many unpleasant things said which create discord and hatred. By the aid of our little fund we carry comfort to many a helpless one, without robbing them of their self respect, or even letting them know from whence it comes. We are not called upon to report the names of those assisted—only the amount given. I could tell you of cases that would touch the fountain of your heart, and send forth copious showers of grateful tears for the blessed deeds done by the brotherhood in this vicinity. If we are capable of doing even a little here, how much more good can be done in the larger districts. I expect this fund will do much good. God grant it may."

New Hampshire.—Bro. JOEL TAYLOR, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of New Hampshire, advises me under date of 25th of August, "that the Annual Return will show a decided gain over the past year, although two less Lodges have reported; an increased interest is manifested in the Order in the jurisdiction, and the utmost harmony prevails in all the Lodges, without which no institution can long flourish. Our numbers have increased from last year 265. Amount paid for relief, $5,014.45. Whole number of members, 2,303. We had the largest gathering at our Annual Session ever held in this State, and the interest in the Grand Lodge appears to increase from year to year."

This is a highly gratifying report—perhaps the most favorable which has ever been received from the State. The report of the Grand Encampment has also been received.

Vermont.—The Annual Report from this State, I have the gratification to say, has been received, from which it appears that five Subordinate Lodges, with an aggregate membership of about two hundred members, are at work. D. D. Grand Sire SEWALL MORSE, in transmitting his report of the Patriarchal branch, speaks generally of the Order in the State "as doing quite as well as could be expected, considering the low state to which it was reduced." The Lodge at his place of residence had doubled its membership during the year.

Rhode Island.—A letter from Bro. J. F. DRISCOLL, the very efficient Grand Secretary and Grand Scribe of Rhode Island, of the 7th of August, accompanying the Annual Reports of these Grand Bodies, is full of interest. That brother writes as follows:

"Our reports will exhibit the largest gain in this jurisdiction for the past ten years. The Patriarchal branch, we are greatly encouraged to believe, will soon equal our sister jurisdictions. The Lodges have largely improved their financial condition, which is far better and on a firmer basis than ever.

"The Order throughout the State is perfectly harmonious. No conflict or confusion disturbs the peaceful and beautiful operations of the eleven little communities which have dared to proclaim, and which delight to pursue, the high objects of benevolence and philanthropy, in their peculiar but efficient mode.

"The Lodges work with the same simplicity and safety as when, twenty two years ago, the first two Lodges struggled into existence."

Connecticut.—The very worthy and efficient Grand Secretary and Grand Scribe of this jurisdiction has transmitted the Annual Report with his accustomed punctuality, under date of August 23d. He writes these cheering words, which emphatically embody "*multum in parvo:*"

"The good augury of my last report has been fully realized. We have initiated a greater number the past year than in the previous four years. We have gained more than twenty per cent. both in numbers and receipts. The Order is fully alive to its work, and our career is now onward and upward."

New York.—It will be remembered that, owing to the extraordinary exertions of leading and influential Odd-Fellows in the two jurisdictions heretofore existant in New York, the legislation had in each by which a consolidation of the two into one grand jurisdiction was happily consummated, was finally ratified by the Grand Lodge of the United States. By the proclamation of the M. W. Grand Sire, issued on the 25th day of September, 1866, the Tuesday following the third Monday in August, 1866, was fixed as the period when said consolidation was to take effect. I am happy to report that, under circumstances of the most gratifying character, the reunion of the two Grand Bodies was accomplished on the day named, when "the Grand Lodge of the I. O. O. F. of the State of New York" was duly organized, and the election and installation of the Grand Officers elect was formally had. Henceforth but one jurisdiction exists in New York, a glorious consummation at which the whole heart of the Order may well rejoice. Among the many important incidents connected with the history and progress of Odd-Fellowship, and which have had their influence upon its prosperity for good or for evil, no two events have, perhaps, supplied more interest than the division of this jurisdiction in 1849 and its reunion in 1866. The separation sanctioned years ago gave rise to the most fearful anxiety, as well as to its effect upon the prosperity of the Order in the State, as upon the general welfare in view of the apprehended danger likely to grow out of the precedent itself; so its reunion, after that long lapse of time, inspires corresponding hope, and the most sanguine confidence, that New York, vast and colossal as it is in all the elements which justly make up and distinguish it as the Empire State of the Union, will, ere long, availing of these same resources, so train and discipline them as to lift herself to the proud position in Odd-Fellowship which she has the right to claim. The moral of this incident also supplies the gratifying truth that an agreement to disagree, under circumstances of impossible harmony, is the more likely to produce good than evil fruit, and that in this instance the legislation authorizing the separation, notwithstanding the fears which it awakened at the time, was eminently wise. The Annual Reports for the last year have been received from these jurisdictions, showing an improving prospect in each in both branches, and presenting a united capital in material, with which the Grand Bodies may enter upon their new career with confidence of great success. Before closing this report upon the State of the Order in New York, the Corresponding Secretary is called upon, not less by a sense of the just claim which the subject itself suggests than from considerations of official duty and personal regard, to record the death of Grand Rep. JOHN J. DAVIES, of the jurisdiction of Southern New York, long one of the most distinguished and valued Representatives in this Grand Body. Bro. DAVIES departed this life on the 8th day of May, 1866, at his home in Brooklyn, surrounded by his family and friends, and in the perfect enjoyment of his mind. The event was announced to me officially by the Grand Marshal of the Grand Lodge of Southern New York, and a formal invitation was addressed to the Grand Officers of the Grand Lodge of the United States to attend the funeral, by Grand Secretary D. W. C. LANGDEN,

at the instance of the Grand Lodge of Southern New York. In the appropriate place, and by the appropriate organ of his brethren, will the proper and fitting eulogium be pronounced upon the virtues and services of this lamented brother. It becomes me simply to record his death, and to mingle my individual sorrow with the common grief which his loss so keenly awakens.—Entering the Grand Lodge as a Representative from the Grand Lodge of New York in the stormy and troublous period of 1848, he was returned from that period almost continuously by one of the Grand Bodies of the State, up to and inclusive of the last session, when we looked upon his manly form for the last time. As the head of most important committees, he distinguished himself and enriched the history of the Order by his clear conceptions and matured and deliberate judgment. He was emphatically a business and working member, and his reports are characteristic for thorough research and intimate acquaintance with the jurisprudence of the Order. It was my pleasure to have enjoyed his private friendship for many years, and it may be truly said of the deceased that as well in the relations of private life as in his career as an Odd-Fellow, he was distinguished by those noble traits of character which constitute the true friend and accomplished gentleman.

New Jersey.—The annual reports from the Grand Lodge, and also from the Grand Encampment, have each been received, and alike present a most gratifying picture of prosperity. Bro. JOHN C. RAUM, the Grand Secretary of this Grand Lodge, continues his valuable correspondence with this office, and advises me under date of the 16th August, 1866, as follows:

"It affords me great pleasure to be able to report that the interest in our beloved Order has not diminished, but has largely increased during the year just ended. The members of the Order throughout the State are alive to the great principles involved in our organization, and, by frequent meetings and anniversary celebrations, are rapidly enlightening the people on the subject, and the beneficial results are seen in the rapid growth of the Order, as well as in the character of the men who are flocking to our standard and uniting with us in our great labor of love.

"In accordance with permission granted by the Grand Lodge of the United States, by resolution, at the session of 1865, our Grand Lodge changed the terms of its Subordinates from July and January to October and April; consequently, our report this year only embraces nine months, but, during that time, our Order throughout the State has increased two hundred and fifty-seven over those of the entire twelve months of last year, and, if I may judge the entire State by my own locality, those who have been admitted the last year or two past are not drones, but active working members; men who are up and doing, and who are determined that our Order shall be second to no human institution, but that it shall stand at the head."

The Encampment branch in New Jersey is not less prosperous. Patriarch FORCE, the worthy Grand Scribe, writes under date of July, 1866, that "it is very pleasant to him to be able to report that the Encampment branch in this jurisdiction has been exceedingly prosperous during the past year. We have organized one new Encampment, and have gathered about two hundred patriarchs within the shadow of our tents, from the best material in the Order. Our annual receipts have been correspondingly increased, and our expenditures for relief show a much larger aggregate than ever before. Since the close of the fiscal year one old Encampment, which ceased work some years since, has resumed with flattering prospects for the future. Nearly all the Encampments in the State have "work" before them, and we confidently hope for much larger increase during the current year. We trust that we may thus go on until every true Odd-Fellow has been shown the beauties and taught the mysteries of our sublime degrees, and be thus more fully prepared to exemplify the true mission of our Order by practising in his daily walk the beautiful teaching of our ritual, and thus proving to

the world that our Order is not an empty name, but a living principle, with a great part to perform in the fraternization of the world."

Pennsylvania.—The Annual Reports from this jurisdiction, transmitted with his usual promptitude by Bro. WM. CURTIS, so long the valued Grand Secretary and Grand Scribe of the two Grand Bodies of the State, show that Pennsylvania is not less the key-stone of the arch of *our* federation than it is of the Political Union. Her noble and untiring constituency continue to swell their ranks, and to add to their resources the means of meeting the vast responsibilities which the immense membership is ever accumulating. Bro. CURTIS, under date of August 6th, writes that "the Order in Pennsylvania has made rapid strides during the past year, having gained during the year nearly eight thousand members, and the Encampment branch has also added one thousand additional to its membership." Indeed, he remarks, "at no time since my connection with the Order have I known it to be so prosperous in all its departments." The membership now reaches 52,000, and the amount expended in relief since last report amounts to $160,518.

District of Columbia.—Bro. P. H. SWEET, the very efficient Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia, has placed in my possession the Annual Report, accompanying which he writes that "the Order in this jurisdiction is increasing in numbers and importance. It seems to me that the light of our blessed institution is at last dawning upon the minds of men, and that prejudice, which has to some extent existed toward us on account of our secret proclivities, is fast waning before its deeds of mercy and labors of love. The day cannot be far distant when its principles, associated as they are with the truths of Christianity, must become the great polar power of the moral world, to

> "Grasp the whole world of reason, life and sense,
> In one close system of benevolence."

To which the worthy Grand Scribe, Patriarch F. C. C. WHALEY adds the following: "Looking at the past, and seeing there what rapid strides have been made by Odd-Fellowship, and then judging by that past what the future may be, we are led to indulge the fond hope that, in the glorious career it is destined to have, the District of Columbia will be found in the foremost ranks, there enjoying the happy reward of her devotion to the principles and tenets of the Order. Whilst so fortunate here, and naturally desiring that we may not be behind any jurisdiction in reporting upon the state of the Order, yet I am sure that all hearts would be glad to hear even better responses from every other section of the country, and more especially from that section so lately desolated by the destructive hoof of war, and where the mild dominion of Friendship, Love, and Truth is again asserting its sway, and slowly but surely erasing the animosities of the past, and inaugurating the golden rule of peace, sweeping away the dark clouds that hung over them, and opening to their view the beautifully royal purple of an unclouded sky. And Odd-Fellowship has done, and is doing her share of the work."

Virginia.—The report of the Grand Lodge of Virginia is full of interest to the brotherhood. In no jurisdiction was the Order more thoroughly broken up and scattered than in Virginia; indeed it may be said that it was almost annihilated; nevertheless, that peculiar spirit which Odd-Fellowship seems to create and cherish, the more tenacious of life the severer its trials, appears to have nerved the brethren in the noble work of reconstruction, which they have so zealously entered upon, and as the result we have the gratification of receiving a report showing thirty-five Lodges at work, in which sixty initiations have been had during the year. Bro. RIDDICK, the estimable Grand Secretary, writes that he "thinks the Order in Virginia is beginning to revive, after the terrible ordeal through which it has passed, and that he will not only be able to send a full report next year, but one that will be most encouraging."

West Virginia.—The Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment of this jurisdiction were instituted during the recess, at Wheeling, under highly promising auspices. Bro. THOMAS G. STEEL, the worthy Grand Secretary, has supplied the annual reports, which show a most gratifying condition of prosperity. There are twenty-seven Lodges at healthful work in the State, with an aggregate membership of near two thousand. Bro. STEEL writes that "the 'Bow' is bright with promise above us; we start free from debt, and have got rid of many drones, to be replaced with profitable workers." The Grand Encampment report exhibits an encouraging condition in that branch of the Order.

North Carolina.—I was advised by letter from Bro. J. W. GULIC, dated at Goldsboro, July 30, 1866, of the meeting of the Grand Lodge of the State on the 25th of that month, on which occasion the Grand Officers were elected and installed. Nine Lodges were represented. Past Grand Representative WM. J. HOKE, well known as a distinguished Grand Representative from that State for several years, was chosen Grand Representative, who has telegraphed me that he would be present at this session. The Grand Secretary adds, "that a revival of the Order in that State may at once be expected."

South Corolina.—The annual reports from this jurisdiction are received. A letter from the Grand Secretary, Bro. EDWARD MITCHELL, long known as the estimable Grand Representative for many years, does not supply a very encouraging view of the prospects of the Order in South Carolina. I subjoin a full abstract of his letter. "Our Lodges, Grand and Subordinate," he remarks, "have passed a severe and trying ordeal, and, although our work is small compared to previous times, there is a slight improvement. Three of the Lodges which had a slight difficulty with the Grand Lodge are again in compliance, and but for their late loss would have added great strength to us; it will, however, have a good effect in raising the dormant energies of the others. Since the reunion two country Lodges that had ceased to work have again re-organized, and bid fair to do well. The great difficulty all have to contend with is the want of money. Most, you may say all of the members, are impoverished by the war; many cannot raise means for the maintenance of their families, and will not, or cannot do so in justice to their families, so that only a few contribute to the support of the Lodges and Encampments. Many who are working men can get nothing to do, for, though there is plenty of work to be done, everything, even business, is stagnant for want of money. There is great destitution and poverty reigning over our State, and when it will cease God alone can determine. The revenue of our Grand Encampment for the past year amounted to about twenty dollars, and, unless the Grand Lodge of the United States will aid us, we will be compelled, unless things change for the better, to surrender our Grand Encampment charter, and let the Encampments work under the Grand Lodge of the United States; and instead of four we now have three, nominally; hence they would soon come down to one or two. Our future is dark and gloomy, with no ray of light to enliven the darkness—no bright hope to lure us on to renewed exertions, and, unless we get aid in this our time of trouble and need, we will be hopeless of a brighter future, or even of life itself, with a heavy debt on hand. Released from this we might successfully contend against adverse circumstances here, and strive to rebuild the Patriarchal Order on a surer and firmer foundation—otherwise I fear it will be hopeless. We still hope for the better; but whilst our hearts respond to this call of duty, we lack the ability to accomplish our cherished wish."

Georgia.—The annual report of this Grand Lodge is received, showing thirteen Subordinates, with an aggregate membership of over one thousand at work. This is quite a cheering condition of things, when the difficult circumstances of the Order in this State are considered at the close of the war. The Grand Secretary, Bro. GEO. R. BARKER, advises me "that H. S. MORTON and J. D. HAUPT are making great efforts to revive the Order," and

Grand Representative E. C. GRANNISS encourages us with the assurance that "the fires of Odd-Fellowship will be rekindled in Georgia, and that ere long the Order in that State will resume its former proud position in the Union." The report of the Grand Encampment is also on hand.

Florida.—At the last session it was with great pleasure that I communicated to the Grand Lodge the fact that our Order had survived the trying ordeal through which it had been called to pass. I have now the still greater gratification to report that the Lodges in the jurisdiction have been generally re-organized, and that the Grand Lodge has resumed its functions. Of the nine Lodges in existence in 1860, five are now at work, and although the membership is yet small, confidence is entertained that, with the return of peace, a bright career of prosperity awaits the labors of the brotherhood in its behalf.

Mississippi.—Bro. JOHN B. DICKS, long the efficient Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge, and valued and attentive correspondent of this office, in forwarding the annual report, takes occasion to give expression to the following highly gratifying and encouraging remarks: "Our annual session was held in the city of Jackson on the 16th and 17th of July; some twenty odd Lodges were represented; all the Grand Officers were present. Much zeal was manifested by all present in behalf of the Order in this jurisdiction. We were stimulated to exertion by appeals on behalf of the distressed that come up from all parts of this jurisdiction, many of whom are the widows and orphans of deceased brothers. The brotherhood of Mississippi have resolved to use their best exertions in behalf of suffering humanity. Our Grand Encampment also held its annual session the same week with that of the Grand Lodge. The Grand Officers were nearly all present. The business of the session was mainly the restoration of the dormant Subordinate Encampments, all of which were necessarily suspended during the war. Thirteen hundred and thirty-seven members are reported as in compliance. Herewith I submit certified copy of the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of this State, embracing special subjects submitted by it, to the consideration of the Grand Lodge of the United States."

Louisiana.—I have had during the year much very interesting and valuable correspondence with the distinguished Grand Secretary of this jurisdiction, Bro. HENRY BIER, and the information obtained has been of the most cheering character. The condition of the Order in the State is highly prosperous, and its utmost ability is exerted to meet all the demands upon it, not only such as are obligatory under the laws, but also those of a common humanity, whenever meritorious cases of distress are presented. Our brethren in the State have, just at the moment when they were rapidly re-establishing the Order and gathering up its strength after its severe trials during the war, been visited by a calamity, if possible, more overwhelming than that through which they had successfully passed. On the night of the fourth of July last a destructive fire laid their magnificent hall, the pride of their membership, and ornament to the city of New Orleans, in ashes, and together with the building, destroyed nearly all the furniture. Notwithstanding this additional and accumulated adversity, the Directors of the Hall Association, with that characteristic energy which has long distinguished the administration of the Order in that State, promptly met the emergency, and resolved to reconstruct the building. This edifice, with one exception, was the finest in the city of New Orleans, and cost nearly $200,000. The amount of insurance was only $95,000, ten thousand of which was on furniture, leaving but $85,000 for the new building. For these facts I am indebted to Grand Secretary BIER, who writes from Mobile, August 20th, where he was sojourning in aid of his health, that in consequence of this great fire, and the loss of books, papers, seals, &c., by many of the Lodges, some delay would exist in getting in their reports, but that every effort would be made to supply the best report, under the circumstances, which could be made. The report, I am happy to say, has been received. P. G.

Rep. LUTHER HOMES, the Worthy Grand Scribe of the Grand Encampment, accompanies the Annual Report with the following gratifying intelligence. "The check we send you," he remarks, "is one of the living evidences that our Grand Encampment still has an existence, and speaks loudly in praise of the untiring efforts of our M. W. Grand Patriarch, E. M. RUSHA, who has worked early and late to infuse sufficient energy into the rank and file to overcome the great misfortunes that have so forcibly presented themselves within the last five years. The burning of our hall was the severest trial of all, but that must and shall be overcome; and, if there is any virtue in hard work, it will be shown in our next report, which I will venture to say will be a favorable one. The report I now send you must not be considered perfect, as the archives of two of our Encampments were completely destroyed in the fire, and it was only on the first of this month that their returns were received, and in an imperfect state, which is my excuse for not complying sooner with the regulations of the Grand Lodge of the United States. Our M. W. Grand Patriarch desires me to remind you that the claim the Odd-Fellows' Hall Association hold against the United States Government is still unsatisfied, and a renewed interest on the part of the Grand Lodge of the United States would, at the present time, have a happy effect."

Delaware.—"It gives me great pleasure," says Grand Secretary EDWARD MCINTYRE, in a letter addressed to the Corresponding Secretary accompanying the Annual Report from the State, "to say that in this jurisdiction our Order is in a prosperous and healthy condition, and rapidly increasing. One new Lodge has been instituted, and we have added three hundred to our membership. The Grand Encampment report, which is also received, shows that seven Encampments are at prosperous work."

Maryland.—The Annual Reports from this jurisdiction are received. The condition of the Order in the State continues to be such as the most zealous could desire. Its progress has been uninterruptedly onward since 1831, and its permanent prosperity may now be considered assured beyond all peril. Nevertheless the energy and labors of the brotherhood in the State do not relax, but on the contrary, continue to be sleepless and persistent. The Grand Secretary, Bro. J. B. ESCAVAILLE, supplies for the information of the Grand Lodge the following interesting statement: "In submitting the Annual Report of the Grand Lodge it affords me profound gratification to say that the year just closed has been one of abundant success to the fraternity in Maryland. The increase in membership has been large, the number of suspensions comparatively small, and but few deaths. A spirit of harmony and love has characterised the councils of the Grand and Subordinate Lodges, and the great work of charity and fraternity has been faithfully and fully performed by the brotherhood in Maryland."

The report of the Grand Encampment, supplied by the Worthy Grand Scribe, patriarch JOHN M. JONES, exhibits a degree of prosperity in this branch of the Order in Maryland correspondent with that of the Grand Lodge. Eleven Subordinates are at successful work in the State, with an aggregate membership of fifteen hundred patriarchs.

Missouri.—I have the Annual Reports from this State, on this occasion as ever heretofore, with characteristic punctuality. From the Grand Lodge report, forwarded by the very able Grand Secretary, Bro. CHAS. C. ARCHER, it appears that there are ninety-one Subordinates at work, numbering an aggegate of four thousand members. The revenue received during the year reaches nearly $40,000, of which amount fourteen thousand has been applied for relief. As compared with former reports, and in view of the fact that perhaps in no State has there been a greater general derangement and breaking up of law and order during the late convulsions, this statement is highly gratifying. Bro. ARCHER, accompanying the Annual Report, gives the following cheering detail of the progress of the Order: "By reference to the report you will see that Missouri, during the past year, has kept pace with her sister States in advancing the cause of Odd-Fellowship. In my

last annual communication to you I stated that we anticipated a large increase to our membership during the next succeeding year. I am happy to say our expectations have been more than realized We have not only had large accessions to our membership, but we have instituted eight new Lodges, and restored the charters to fifteen Lodges that had been compelled to suspend work on account of the war. Peace, prosperity, and harmony reign within our borders. Since the annual session of our Grand Lodge in May last, we have issued warrants for three new Lodges, and restored the charters to two Lodges that were formerly defunct. From all the indications received, we expect the present year will be equally as prosperous to the Order in Missouri as the one just closed."

Alabama.—Bro. JAMES KELLOGG, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Alabama, transmits the Annual Report. The Representative tax for 1865, notwithstanding the indulgence authorized at the last session, has, together with that of 1866, been fully paid. The report makes an exceedingly gratifying exhibit of the state of the Order. Fourteen Lodges are reported as at work, with a membership of six hundred, and confident expectation is entertained that the Order in Alabama will soon obtain its former prosperity.

Illinois.—Odd-Fellowship in this State continues its great career of prosperity. During the past year the accessions of Lodges and Encampments, and of membership, have been large, and the pecuniary resources of each branch have been correspondingly augmented. The condition of the Order is described in the eloquent language of the distinguished Grand Secretary of the State, Bro. SAMUEL WILLARD, who writes under date of August 21, in forwarding his report, as follows: "The number of Lodges appears to be less than last year, but I estimate it differently; last year I counted all Lodges not closed up; this year I count only those that are at work during the year. Eighteen new Lodges have been formed, of which seven work in the German language. About twenty Lodges that had ceased to work have revived, while but two have gone down. On review of the year, with our advance in membership from eight and a half to ten and a half thousand, and with internal harmony and great hopes for the future, we may well say that we have had a year of great prosperity. We thank God, and move on in our course." The prosperity of the Patriarchal Order in Illinois has been equally favorable. The worthy Grand Scribe, Patriarch N. C. NASON, thus describes it: "I have delayed my report till the latest moment, waiting for some reports of Subordinates that had not yet come to hand, and for correction of others. There are still a few reports and corrections due. The Patriarchal Order has been making rapid strides in this jurisdiction during the past year. We have gained in number of Encampments, thirteen—ten new ones having been instituted, and four, that were counted as defunct, revived, while one heretofore included in the list of working Encampments is now considered defunct. The gain in membership, also, has been much larger than that of any previous year. This increase is not the result of spasmodic action, but of a growing interest in the work of Odd-Fellowship, and a desire on the part of those who have once passed its threshold to press on till they reach the innermost temple of our Order."

Indiana.—I cannot convey to the Representatives a true idea of the success of our brethren in Indiana, in the good cause in which our united energies are enlisted, except by using the eloquent language of the very able Grand Secretary and Grand Scribe of this State, Bro. E. H. BARRY. He advises me, in sending his report, "that the increase of twenty-one Lodges, and of twenty-three Encampments, an accession of fifteen hundred members to the former and of five hundred to the latter since my last reports, show that our Order in Indiana is still flourishing. Our philanthropic and humane operations, as presented in this, as compared with the last year's reports, strikingly attest the attractive power of our principles and the commendable zeal of our members." This State now ranks alongside of the jurisdiction of Maryland in numerical strength and general resources.

Ohio.—Bro. Wm. C. Earl, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Ohio, has transmitted the Annual Report at an early day, and it does me pleasure to remark that this distinguished brother is characteristic for his great regularity, punctuality, and system in his valued correspondence with this office, which has continued for many years. Under date of the 11th August, he writes as follows: "Our Annual Report exhibits a state of things of which we, even the Buckeye State, are not ashamed. It evidences a degree of progress most gratifying. But it is not only numerically that Odd-Fellowship in Ohio is advancing. In a social and moral point of view its strides are steadily onward. Good men and true are coming into our Lodges, not more for personal benefit than to secure a position which will enable them to co-operate in the good cause. We say to our brethren everywhere that in Ohio Odd-Fellowship is not a myth, but a living, acting reality. Our purpose is not a mere *show*, but a silent yet persistent exhibition of good works—and we earnestly pray the hearts of *all* Odd-Fellows, whether in our own or other jurisdictions, may be moved and governed by similar sentiments." To this glowing account of the Order under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge may be justly added a corresponding prosperity in the Patriarchal branch. Bro. Wm. M. Hubbell, the very attentive and efficient Grand Scribe, has presented a model report of the operations of the Grand Encampment, showing, in addition to the several items of detail presented in the printed forms, a concise and very satisfactory analysis of the comparative state of the Order, as reported this year, with the report of the last year. I respectfully commend this, in my judgment, decided improvement in our form, to the attention of the Committee on Returns.

Kentucky.—Bro. Wm. White, the very able Grand Secretary and Grand Scribe of this jurisdiction, accompanies the Annual Report, which he sends in good season, with the following interesting account of Odd-Fellowship in Kentucky: "The reports from Kentucky for the year ending June 30, 1866, I am gratified to say, show both branches of the Order to be progressive and prosperous. Notwithstanding I am compelled to close with the fifty-five reports due from Subordinate Lodges and sixteen from Subordinate Encampments, the most of which we know to have been actively at work during the year, (and some of them among the largest and most flourishing of the jurisdiction) there appears a gain in membership for the Lodges over the very flattering report of the previous year of seven hundred and forty-four, being an increase in the net gain of membership of nearly two hundred per cent., and a gain in the revenue of $11,925.89, which is an increase of over twenty-seven per cent. And in the Encampment branch we have an increase of near one hundred per cent. in membership and average twenty-six per cent. in revenue. The amount expended for relief and for benevolent purposes will show that the funds are not hoarded with a miserly care, but are good and sufficient evidences that the principles of the Order are being practised and exemplified. I am also gratified to report a gain of six new Subordinate Lodges; they are young scions planted in good and genial soil, with the promise of making fruitful branches upon the great vine of Odd-Fellowship, which, by the by, was never more vigorous and healthy than at the present time. The ardor and zeal of the membership seems to increase with each returning year, and there certainly never was a greater and deeper interest in regard to Odd-Fellowship than now seems to pervade the public mind; and our beloved Order will and must continue to grow, flourish, and prosper in this jurisdiction."

Tennessee.—The Annual Reports of the Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment of Tennessee have been received from Grand Secretary R. W. Barry with his accustomed punctuality. I submit the following extracts from letters received from that State, touching the condition of the Order in Tennessee, which are well calculated to swell the hearts of the brotherhood at large with gratitude to God, that He has thus vouchsafed to uphold and sustain the noble efforts of the Tennessee brethren. Grand Secretary Barry writes

that "thinking you might be desirous of learning something of the condition of the Order in this jurisdiction, I have concluded to give you a few items. At the last session of our Grand Lodge, held in this city November 1st, 1865, we had representatives from only twenty-seven Lodges, all that were then at work. Since that time we have granted charters for two new Lodges, which have been organized and are doing well. We have also reorganized twenty-five Lodges that had ceased to work during the troubles that existed in our country. I think by the meeting of our next Grand Lodge we will have seventy-five Lodges, all in good working order. As to the Patriarchal branch of the Order, I cannot speak so favorable. As the losses they sustained were much greater than that of the Lodges, it seems harder to get them to work. We have now ten Encampments in good working order, and a larger number of initiations than at any previous time, but there are about fourteen which we have not as yet been able to reorganize. I hope this Fall to be able to report them all at work again, as there are great efforts being made to accomplish that end." Our distinguished Bro. P. G. Rep. FARNSWORTH, whose valuable labors in the Order have long been recognized by his brethren, advises me as follows: "We have reorganized and are now working over fifty Lodges, grown from less than one-fourth the number, which had but a bare existence during years before. This fact of itself is evidence of what we claim for our noble institution. We have also re-established some ten Encampments, which are working more creditably than ever before. Their material is good, and wherever the Order is now at work in Tennessee, in either branch, it is looked upon with more favor than ever before, and claims the highest rank among all the living charitable institutions. I feel more pride for Odd-Fellowship to-day than I ever have, and be assured, brother, our Order in Tennessee is doing good for itself, and suggests good for all mankind. Our State Grand Bodies meet the last of October. We confidently hope to have seventy-five Lodges, and our whole number of Encampments (seventeen before the war) at work successfully. We are also lending a little (all we can) aid to Lodges in some of the adjoining States, who, by the way, do really need aid and encouragement to get them once more at work, when I feel assured they will, like many others, do even better than before."

Arkansas.—My advices from this State are up to August 14th, 1866, in which I am informed by Grand Secretary THOMAS R. WELCH, "that although the Order has been greatly prostrated through the general desolation of the country, it is now recovering, and our future prospects for enlarged usefulness in the State are improving. I have not been able to communicate as freely with the various Lodges as I desired. Our mail facilities have been very poor indeed, and are not much better yet. The Lodges that are at work seem to be in a very healthy and prosperous condition. Both the new and old members are at work zealously endeavoring to build up our Order. I hope the day is not far distant when our beloved Order will occupy a high and useful position in this entire State. I have not been able to get the reports for the term ending June 30th from several of our Lodges. The receipts of the Grand Lodge are not as great as they ought to be on that account." Nine Lodges appear by the Grand Lodge report to be at work.

Wisconsin.—Grand Secretary L. B. HILLS, of this State, writes under date of the 15th of August that it gives him great satisfaction to point to the figures in the accompanying Annual Reports, which will speak in a language that cannot be misunderstood of the greatly increased prosperity of the Order in Wisconsin, especially of the Patriarchal branch. The Grand Lodge report shows fifty-two Lodges under the jurisdiction, with a membership of near three thousand. There are also twelve Encampments at work, and in prosperous condition.

Iowa.—From this jurisdiction there comes up a cheering report. Grand Secretary WM. GARRETT, who is also Grand Scribe of the Grand Encamp-

ment, than whom there is no more efficient Grand Officer or more valued correspondent, describes the condition of the Order in that State in the following glowing language: "Our Annual Reports will show for themselves. You will see we have been at work in Iowa, and expect to so continue. We intend to have four representatives from this jurisdiction by 1868, if not next year. We expect to establish three or four new Lodges before the session of the Grand Lodge in October. Most of our Lodges and Encampments are doing well. We report over seven hundred Camp members, and in another year, if we continue as we have this, we will reach one thousand. We have twenty-five Camps now against eighteen last year. We have ninety-six Lodges against eighty-nine last year, and two petitions for Lodges this month. I think that from now our growth will be steady and sure."

Texas.—I regret to say that, from a letter received this day, September 11, from Bro. OSCAR FARRISH, the worthy and efficient Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Texas, I fear that the Grand Lodge report has miscarried. The amount of indebtedness from that Grand Body has been transmitted and received. Under these circumstances, I am not able to present any report of the condition of the Order in the State. From the prompt payment, however, of the representative tax, and the entire account for supplies, I have no doubt of the prosperous condition of the Order in the jurisdiction.

California.—The jurisdiction of California, although comparatively a young one, is already among the most powerful and successful in our federation. One hundred and twenty-seven Lodges, comprehending a membership of nearly eight thousand, are now at work, all in the most prosperous circumstances. The Patriarchal branch exhibits a corresponding active and healthful condition, and it may be well said that no State in our Order surpasses it in the efficiency of its general administration of Odd-Fellowship. Besides the large increasing strength of the Order in its regular organization, in members, in wealth and in general resources, it possesses a library and mineral cabinet which perhaps is the noblest auxiliary in aid of its usefulness which could have been devised by the brotherhood. From the Eleventh Annual Report of the Odd-Fellows' Library Association of the city of San Francisco, the receipt of which I take occasion respectfully to acknowledge, it appears that the institution continues to prosper and justly to awaken an interest in the membership, which is greatly promotive of the general welfare of the Order. The Annual Report from the Grand Lodge of California has been received from the very able and distinguished Grand Secretary, T. ROGERS JOHNSON, in due season, and presents the most gratifying exhibit of the Order in the State. I shall make no attempt to analyse the report, with a view to present to the Grand Lodge, in language of my own, the happy results which have crowned the labors of our brethren on the Pacific coast. My Bro. Grand Secretary ROGERS has performed that service as he performs always his official duty, and I submit the picture as drawn by his own skillful hand, under date of August 9th, 1866. He writes as follows: "It has been customary heretofore to give a good account of our beloved Order in this portion of our national jurisdiction. If I had language to express myself I could give you more stirring accounts of the progress of the Order in California than in any of my previous reports. There is a healthy glow as well as a large increase in our jurisdiction; each individual Lodge and member appears to be striving to excel his fellow. In this city we have inside of five months instituted three Lodges, which number at this time two hundred and seventy-five members. One of the Lodges above referred to initiated on the night of institution thirty members, the greatest number I have known initiated at one time. There are now twelve Lodges in this city, three of which work in the German language. Our progress has been so rapid that we find ourselves, even with our spacious hall, cramped for room to accommodate all our Lodges. Our building is located

in the very heart of the city, and valued at $150,000, yet we find it necessary to build an addition, the cost of which will be about $40,000 more, of which amount the Lodges (it being a joint stock association) hold all but $25,000. From statistics collected in April last the total amount of property belonging to the Order was $579,963.26. Taking into consideration our youth, we feel that Providence has greatly favored us. The Encampment branch is equally as prosperous. My last report shows a membership of six hundred and four. We this year will be able to present a list of about one thousand one hundred, thus entitling us to two Representatives in the Grand Lodge of the United States, both of whom will be in attendance. You will be placed in possession of a petition from the ten Lodges of Nevada for a Grand Lodge to be located in Virginia city. However much we may regret the loss of so flourishing a portion of our jurisdiction, yet, perhaps, it is best that the prayer of the petitioners should be granted. I understand that Utah Lodge at Salt Lake desires to be placed under this jurisdiction. In case a charter is granted for the Grand Lodge of Nevada it would be to the interest of said Lodge to be placed in that jurisdiction." I herewith present a report from P. G. Rep. WM. H. HILL, of California, from the special committee on translation of the work in the German language. It is my sad duty whilst reporting the unparalleled prosperity which has been vouchsafed to the Order in California, and which justly excites the common pride and admiration, to announce the death, since we last met, in the midst of a career of unexampled usefulness, of one of the brighest and purest Odd-Fellows which the Order has ever known, P. G. Master and P. G. Representative SAMUEL H. PARKER, of California. This distinguished brother first appeared upon this theatre at the session of 1846, as a Representative of the Grand Lodge of New Hampshire, and continued to represent that State every succeeding year until 1850. Having removed to California, he carried with him to that State the devotion and zeal for the well-being of Odd-Fellowship which ever characterized him in New Hampshire and in the supreme councils of the Order. He was appointed D. D. G. Sire over the Order in California, soon after his establishment in the State, and it may be truthfully said that from that moment Odd-Fellowship leaped into a career of marvellous success. It was by his persistent energy and determination that the Grand Lodge of the State was organised, of which he was the first Grand Master, and chosen subsequently Grand Representative to the Grand Lodge of the United States, appearing here in that capacity in 1856, after an absence of six years. The ability with which his legislative career in this hall was distinguished is embodied in ever-living light upon the record, and will be there recognised by those who follow him in the Order for generations to come; but there remain, surviving him, many who were contemporaneous with him here, who enjoyed his friendship, shared his confidence, witnessed his enlarged and generous philanthropy, knew his noble bearing, his affable and social manner, and his commanding intellect, who will fully experience the magnitude of the loss which the Order has sustained. For one, I confess that in my experience I have never known his superior in all that constitutes purity of heart, excellence of principle, clearness and depth of mind, and accuracy of judgment: to all these qualities of heart and mind he superadded a suavity of manner and a vein of pleasantry which inspired happiness to all around him. In his death a void has been created which will not soon be filled.

Minnesota.—The Order continues to maintain in this jurisdiction its power and vigor, and remains in about a *statu quo* condition. The Annual Report shows eight Lodges to be in healthful existence, with an increased membership.

Oregon.—I am in possession of the Grand Lodge report from this jurisdiction, with accompanying letter from Bro. CHARLES N. TERRY, the very efficient Grand Secretary, under date July 28, the following extract from which fully describes the condition of the Order in that remote section: "You

can see by our report that we are still progressing in the good work of our beloved Order. We have advanced over last year's report in many respects. We have added four new Lodges, all of which are in prosperous circumstances. Our prospects are as flattering for the future as the past has been, and may the Grand Master of the Universe continue to us that success which he has so beneficently bestowed upon us in the past; and may we live and act in such manner as will redound to the glory and honor of Him who has held us up by his unerring wisdom! I cannot close this without saying a word of the great loss our Order has sustained on this coast in the death of our well beloved brother, P. G. Master SAMUEL H. PARKER, of San Franciso. He was personally known to a great many of us here in Oregon—and to know him was to love him. His great energy and perseverance in behalf of our cherished Order on this coast deserves to be held in grateful remembrance. May we follow his example in doing good and advancing that true fraternal spirit of brotherly love."

Kansas.—I am in receipt of the Annual Report from this State, transmitted by Grand Secretary SAM'L F. BURDETT with his accustomed punctuality. Accompanying the report the Grand Secretary remarks as follows: "By a comparison of the present with former reports from this office, you will notice a marked improvement in the condition of the Order in this jurisdiction. Much of this improvement is due to the provisions of the special legislation by the Grand Lodge of the United States at its last session, and which was so liberally extended to Kansas. Through its benign influences many worthy brothers have been reunited to the Order, who, under the old law, were virtually forever debarred from its harmonizing and social influences. Much, also, of our improved condition is due to the untiring exertions of our efficient Grand Master, who has devoted much of his time and influence to the work of the Order during the past year.

"In order that you may see at a glance the difference between the present condition and that of one year ago, I have prepared the following table:

	1865.	1866.
No. of Lodges	9	16
Initiations	65	233
Admitted by Card	14	169
Reinstated	7	22
Members	422	771
Amount paid for Relief	$645 45	$832 00
Amount of Annual Receipts	3,826 71	8,151 70

"Our financial condition as a Grand Lodge is of the most flattering kind. Instead of being embarrassed as heretofore, we shall have sufficient funds on hand to liquidate all the expenses of the approaching session, to pay off a $2,000 loan effected two years ago and procure a set of Grand Lodge officers' regalia, and have a small balance left for contingent expenses. Nor is the success of Odd-Fellowship in our State confined to the Grand Lodge and her Subordinates alone. The Patriarchal branch is in a most flourishing condition. One year since we had but one Encampment, and that one not in a very prosperous state. We now have four, and before this reaches your office a fifth one will doubtless be organised, and at the approaching session of the Grand Lodge of the United States we hope to present a petition for a charter for a Grand Encampment. In view of the above considerations, I think we have cause for rejoicing, and may be pardoned if we indulge the hope that ere long Kansas will be second to none of her sister jurisdictions of the same age in numbers and influence. That such may be our future position in the galaxy of Grand Lodges is our earnest wish and prayer." I am advised of the adoption of resolutions by the Grand Lodge of Kansas, thanking the Grand Lodge of the United States for the extension of the benefits of the 4th section, 16th article of the Constitution, as amended, to that jurisdiction, but the official copy of the same has failed to reach me.

Nebraska.—The Most Worthy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska, Bro. A. D. JONES, under date of August 29, gives a most cheering and gratifying account of the Order in this remote jurisdiction. The following is his interesting statement: "The youth of our Grand Lodge will sufficiently account for the comparative diminutiveness of our organization. The constant and substantial increase within this jurisdiction, during the past year, of an enterprising, useful, and intelligent membership, is very gratifying to us, when we take into consideration the numerous encountering difficulties necessarily to be overcome in a new and ever changeable country like ours. Here, of course, the inhabitants are, to a considerable extent, unsettled, and more especially the young men, from whose ranks our brotherhood is mostly drawn, being here for a few months or a year, and in some distant clime the next. The feeling in reference to Odd-Fellowship is being happily revived, both within and without the Order, and consequently we have better and more zealous Lodge attendance, a greater desire to carry out the principles of our fraternity, and a more extensive inquiry after knowledge. *Two* large and commodious Lodge edifices have been erected during the past year, each three stories high, one of which is located at Plattsmouth and the other at Nebraska City, and that too without soliciting the aid of sister jurisdictions for the least pecuniary assistance. Under all the surrounding circumstances we have great reason for encouragement in reference to our future prospects." I am also in receipt of advice from Grand Representative J. J. HOCHSTETLER, up to August 10, accompanying the report of Ridgely Encampment, transmitted by him, that "the Encampment is in a healthy condition and in good working order," to which the D. D. Grand Sire, Bro. S. J. GOODRICH, adds that the Patriarchal branch of the Order in this territory is in a sound and healthy condition, though, perhaps, not increasing as fast as in some other locations. Ridgely Encampment No. 1 has now twenty-eight members, and is doing well; have a full set of regalia and other paraphernalia for working purposes; and, financially, is in easy circumstances. Hesperian Encampment has twenty-two members, and all the necessary tools and fixtures for working purposes; and, financially, is in good condition. In fact the Order in this territory was never in a more prosperous condition than now."

Nevada.—Transferred to California. I herewith present two communications touching an anticipated application for a charter for a Grand Lodge in this State, the one transmitted through Grand Secretary T. ROGERS JOHNSON, of California, from Dayton Lodge No. 5, of Nevada, the other forwarded directly to this office. The object of the communications is to oppose the granting of said charter.

Sandwich Islands.—Transferred to California. I herewith present a communication from Excelsior Lodge No. 1, of Honolulu, Sandwich Islands, referring to its claim for moneys entrusted to a former D. D. Grand Sire for collection by the Lodge, which it is alleged were improperly paid over by him to the Grand Lodge of the United States. A statement of the facts connected with this subject was submitted in detail in my report to the annual session of 1865, to which I respectfully refer.

Washington Territory.—Transferred to Oregon.

Colorado.—P. G. R. G. BUCKINGHAM, D. D. Grand Sire for this jurisdiction, has made his annual report, which is herewith submitted. From this paper it is very apparent that his appointment to the very responsible position which he holds in that distant territory has been a most excellent and fortunate one. His report is extremely interesting and in detail. In April last he received the warrant and books for Colorado Lodge No. 3, and on the 16th day of May following instituted the Lodge, under very flattering auspices, at the town of "Black Hawk." He also reports the proper installation of the officers of Union Lodge No. 1, and of Rocky Mountain Lodge No. 2, the former located at Denver and the latter at Central City, and has transmitted the dues to this office. The condition of the Order in Colorado

is represented to be highly encouraging. A warrant has issued for a fourth Lodge in this territory. D. D. Grand Sire BUCKINGHAM, in closing his report, remarks as follows: "So far as I am able to learn, by observation and frequent communication with different members of the Order in the territory, I feel confident that considerable advancement will be made in the cause of Odd-Fellowship during the present year; a deeper interest seems to be manifested in the cause than at any former period of my residence in Colorado." I respectfully commend this report to the special attention of the Committee on Returns.

New Mexico.—Paradise Lodge No. 2 has made its regular reports during the year, and paid over the dues accruing to the Grand Lodge of the United States. This is the only Lodge in the Territory, is located at Santa Fe, and is in prosperous circumstances.

Utah.—D. D. G. Sire J. M. ELLIS, of this distant jurisdiction, has manifested the most active and zealous interest in the discharge of his official duties: his correspondence with this office has been frequent and valuable. The semi-annual reports and dues of Utah Lodge No. 1, at Salt Lake City, the only Lodge in the Territory, have been promptly transmitted by him. The Lodge numbers thirty-six members, and its revenue for the year amounted to $3,001, showing the highest degree of success.

Fort Monroe.—Greble Lodge No. 1, under warrant from Grand Lodge of United States, located at Fort Monroe, has been transferred to the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Virginia, and is now registered as No. 10. This Lodge has been a perfect success, and is in a highly prosperous condition.

Whilst it is a subject of congratulation that the Grand Secretaries and Grand Scribes of the several State jurisdictions have generally transmitted the Annual Returns in time to enable the Corresponding Secretary to avail of them in making up his Annual Report, it is nevertheless suggested that if periods for the Annual Session of the several State Grand Bodies could be established, not later than the month of April in each year, that more full and satisfactory returns from the Subordinates could be obtained, and greater facility would be afforded the Corresponding Secretary in analysing and digesting the returns. Under the existing State Constitutions some of the Grand Bodies do not meet until the month of August, and the reports are consequently only in hand upon the eve of the session of the Grand Lodge of the United States.

Reports have been received during the year from the following Lodges and Encampments under this immediate jurisdiction:

Greble Lodge No. 1, Fort Monroe, Virginia.
Utah Lodge No. 1, Salt Lake, Utah.
Paradise Lodge No. 2, Santa Fe, New Mexico.
Green Mountain Encampment No. 3, Burlington, Vermont.
Union Lodge No. 1, Denver, Colorado.
Rocky Mountain Encampment No. 2, Central City, Colorado
Excelsior Encampment No. 4, Factory Point, Vermont.
Ridgely Encampment No. 1, Nebraska City, Nebraska.
Walker Encampment No. 5, Washington, Arkansas.
Hesperian Encampment No. 2, Omaha, Nebraska.

Utah Lodge No. 1, Utah, has applied to be placed under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of California. The memorial is herewith submitted.

Warrants, upon proper application, and by authority of the M. W. G. Sire, have been issued for the following Subordinate Bodies:

Colorado Lodge No. 3, Black Hawk, Colorado.
Denver No. 4, Denver City, Colorado.
Schiller Encampment No. 2, Leavenworth, Kansas.
Shawnee Encampment No. 3, Topeka, Kansas.
Mt. Oread Encampment No. 4, Lawrence, Kansas.

Osage Encampment No. 5, Burlingame, Kansas.
Frontier No. 2, Windsor, Canada West.
Harmony Encampment No. 3, London, Canada West.

These several Subordinate Bodies, it is believed, have been instituted and have entered upon the work with promise of success.

There has been an unusual demand for supplies during the year, necessitating, together with the printing of the amended O. B. N.'s, more than ordinary expenditures in that direction, but every exertion has been made to economize in this particular, as well in view of the finances as in reference to the fact that the pending report of the Committee on Revision admonished the Corresponding Secretary to have as small an edition of the present work on hand as could be maintained without prejudice to the ordinary demand. All the wants of the different jurisdictions for supplies have been promptly complied with, and it will be seen in the sequel that they have promptly met their respective liabilities.

The following statement represents the amounts for each specific purpose received from each Grand Jurisdiction and Subordinate Lodge and Encampment under this Grand Body during the past fiscal year. The several amounts received have been paid into the treasury, vouchers for which accompany this report. A supplementary report will be made of the further receipts during the session. Accompanying, also, is appended the usual report of the stock on hand and supplies sold during the year, with an analysis of the Annual Returns.

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS *of Grand Secretary for the fiscal year commencing September* 19, 1865, *and ending September* 8, 1866.

GRAND LODGES.	Balance.	Cards.	Books.	Odes.	Diplomas.	Miscellaneous.	Representative Tax.	Total.
Maryland.....	.....	$200 00	$179 00	$40 00	.....	.....	$150 00	$569 00
Massachusetts.	.....	237 50	32 00	.....	$56 25	.....	150 00	475 75
S. New York..	.....	225 00	48 00	10 00	84 38	.....	150 00	517 38
Pennsylvania .	.....	376 00	456 00	159 00	.....	.....	150 00	1141 00
Delaware.....	.....	87 50	59 50	20 00	.....	.....	150 00	317 00
Ohio.....	.....	1175 00	533 00	190 00	56 25	.....	150 00	2104 25
Louisiana.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	150 00	150 00
New Jersey....	.....	250 00	22 00	3 00	.....	.....	150 00	425 00
Kentucky.....	.....	325 00	184 50	50 00	28 13	.....	150 00	737 63
Virginia.....	308 00	112 50	44 50	.....	.....	50	150 00	615 00
Indiana.....	.....	925 00	621 00	80 00	.....	.....	150 00	1776 00
Mississippi.....	123 50	25 00	1 50	.....	.....	.....	150 00	300 00
Missouri.....	.....	325 00	270 00	50 00	28 15	.....	150 00	823 15
Illinois	.....	550 00	543 00	80 00	33 75	.....	150 00	1356 75
Connecticut...	.....	31 25	.....	.....	.....	.....	150 00	181 25
Tennessee.....	.....	50 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	50 00
S. Carolina....	150 00	50 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	150 00	350 00
Alabama.	75 00	6 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	75 00	156 00
Georgia.	140 26	75 00	75 00	.....	.....	9 74	150 00	450 00
Maine	.....	42 00	.....	.....	28 13	.....	150 00	220 13
N. Hampshire.	.....	134 50	15 50	.....	.....	.....	150 00	300 00
Michigan.....	.....	150 00	279 20	.....	.....	.....	150 00	579 20
Wisconsin	.....	250 00	240 00	17 50	.....	.....	150 00	657 50
Iowa	.....	200 00	131 00	20 00	28 13	.....	150 00	529 63
Arkansas	75 00	.....	11 40	.....	.....	.....	75 00	161 40
N. New York..	.....	160 50	6 00	5 00	.....	.....	.....	171 50
Minnesota.....	20	20 00	9 00	.....	.....	.....	75 00	104 20
California.....	.....	500 00	692 50	150 00	.....	7 50	150 00	1500 00
Oregon	.....	120 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	120 00
Nebraska	.....	50 00	.....	10 00	15 00	.....	75 00	150 00
Kansas	.....	50 00	235 00	.....	.....	.....	75 00	360 00
West Virginia	.....	88 00	61 50	10 50	.....	.....	150 00	310 00
	871 96	6790 75	4750 10	895 00	358 17	17 74	3975 00	*17658 72

*Of this amount $450.00 is on time notes.

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS *of Grand Secretary for the fiscal year commencing September* 19, 1865, *and ending September* 8, 1866.

GRAND ENCAMPMENTS.	Balance.	Cards.	Books.	Odes.	Diplomas.	Miscellaneous.	Representative Tax.	Total.
Maryland.....	$.....	$	$22 50	$5 00	$	$	$150 00	$177 50
Pennsylvania...	.....	.....	231 00	.....	.....	.....	150 00	381 00
S. New York...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	150 00	150 00
Ohio.....	.....	150 00	126 00	.....	.....	.....	150 00	426 00
Kentucky.....	.....	87 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	150 00	237 50
Connecticut.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	75 00	75 00
New Jersey.....	.....	31 25	.....	.....	33 75	.....	75 00	140 00
South Carolina.	75 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	75 00
Massachusetts ..	.....	62 50	18 00	.....	.....	.....	150 00	230 50
Maine.....	5 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	37 50	42 50
New Hampshire	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	75 00	75 00
Missouri.....	.....	28 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	28 00
Dis.of Columbia	.....	8 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	8 00
Georgia	75 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	75 00	150 00
Indiana	.....	150 00	150 00	.....	.....	.....	150 00	450 00
Michigan..	.....	.....	36 00	.....	.....	.....	75 00	111 00
Mississippi.....	75 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	75 00	150 00
Louisiana.	15 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	75 00	90 00
Delaware.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	75 00	75 00
Wisconsin.....	.....	.....	6 00	.....	.....	.....	75 00	81 00
N. N. York.....	.....	20 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	20 00
Illinois.	.....	100 00	224 00	.....	.....	.....	150 00	450 00
Iowa.....	.....	75 00	90 00	.....	.....	.....	75 00	24 00
California.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	50 00	150 00	240 00
West Virginia..	.....	11 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	75 00	86 00
	$245 00	$723 25	903 50	$5 00	$33 75	$50 00	2212 50	*4173 00

*Of this amount $225.00 is on time Notes.

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS—*continued.*

	Charters.	Dues.	Odes.	Books.	Cards.	Diplomas.	Miscellaneous.	Total.
Frontier Enc'pt No. 2, C. W,..	$30 00	$	$	$	$	$	$	$ 30 00
Harmony Enc'pt No. 3, C. W.	30 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	30 00
Schiller Enc'pt No. 2 Kansas	30 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	30 00
Shawnee Enc'pt No. 3, Kansas.	30 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	30 00
Mt. Oread Enc'pt No. 4, Kan..	30 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	30 00
Osage Enc'pt No. 5, Kansas....	30 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	30 00
Colorado Lodge No. 3, Col'o...	30 00	.....	2 50	5 50	9 00	.....	3 00	50 00
Denver Lodge No. 4, Col'o.....	30 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	30 00
Excelsior Enc'pt, Vermont....	.....	3 45	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3 45
Green Mountain Enc'pt, Vt....	.....	2 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 50
Walker Enc'pt No. 5, Ark.....	.....	20 00	.....	1 50	.....	.....	.....	21 50
Ridgely Enc'pt No. 1, Neb....	.....	13 35	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	13 35
Hesperian Enc'pt No. 2, Neb..	.....	15 21	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	15 21
Paradise Lodge No. 2. N. M....	.....	125 13	4 00	.....	15 00	.....	1 00	145 13
Union Lodge No. 1, Col'o.....	.....	143 12	.....	16 00	12 00	.....	33	171 45
Rockey Mountain Lodge No. 2, Col'o.....	.....	302 57	3 70	12 00	9 25	.....	60	328 12
Utah Lodge No. 1, Utah Ter'y	.....	250 10	3 00	20 00	.....	.....	40	273 50
Greble Lodge No. 1, Va.....	.....	30 80	.....	2 00	3 00	.....	36	36 16
E. H. Jefferson, of Del.....	.....	.....	.....	6 00	.....	.....	.....	6 00
C. A. Marvin, of New York....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	40 50	.....	40 50
James Smith, of Canada West	.....	.....	.....	10 50	.....	.....	.....	10 50
James P. Davis, of W. Va....	.....	.....	.....	42 50	.....	.....	.....	42 50
Urbanah Lodge No. 46.....	.....	.....	.....	14 00	.....	.....	.....	14 00
John W. Orr, of New Jersey...	.....	.....	.....	79 00	.....	.....	.....	79 00
Thomas G. Steel, of W. Va.....	.....	.....	.....	1 50	.....	.....	15	1 65
O. F. Prescott, of Tennessee...	.....	.....	.....	37 50	.....	.....	.....	37 50
C. D. Cole, of Massachusetts...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	56 25	.....	56 25
Cash	.....	.....	.....	1 50	.....	.....	.....	1 50
Humboldt Lodge No. 13, Mo...	.....	.....	.....	14 00	.....	.....	.....	14 00
J. W. Strader, of Iowa.....	.....	.....	.....	3 50	.....	.....	.....	3 50
J. B. Escavaille, of Md.....	.....	.....	.....	3 00	.....	.....	.....	3 00
O. T. Keeler, of Miss.....	.....	.....	.....	4 50	.....	.....	.....	4 50
Panola Lodge No. 12, W. Va.	.....	.....	.....	1 50	.....	.....	.....	1 50
Library Committee of Balto...	.....	.....	.....	5 00	.....	.....	.....	5 00
Josiah Brown, of Texas.....	.....	.....	.....	1 50	.....	.....	.....	1 50
Harnden's Express Co	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	38 00	38 00
	$240 00	$906 23	$13 20	$282 50	$48 25	$96 75	$43 84	$1,630 77

The whole revenue of the year (including bills receivable from Southern Jurisdictions for representative tax of 1865, amounting to $673.00) reaches the aggregate of..... $23,462 49.
This statement is made up to, and inclusive of, the 8th of September, 1866. There remained due and unpaid on that day the additional sum of..... 6,361 00.

Making a total of $29,823 49,
as the revenue proper for the year 1866. Of this sum $673.00 being amount of bills receivable, not due, will not be available as cash assets at this session. There will probably also remain unpaid the further sum of $2,500.00, due from Southern Jurisdictions for supplies sold by authority of the resolution of last session, allowing indulgence in the discretion of the Corresponding Secretary, which two amounts, ($3,175.00.) deducted from the gross total, will leave the net amount, or thereabouts, of $26,648.49, as cash revenue The actual sum received into the treasury for the fiscal year of 1865, from the Corresponding Secretary by the Grand Treasurer, appears by his report, page 2791 Journal, to have been $18,867.03. The amount already paid into the treasury, per Grand Corresponding Secretary's vouchers up to and inclusive of the 8th of September, less bills receivable not due, reaches $22,787.49, being an excess of revenue up to that day over that of 1865, of $3,920.46, to be further increased by the receipts after the 8th September, inclusive of the entire session, which may be safely estimated at $4,000, producing an aggregate excess of nearly $8,000 of revenue for 1866 over the fiscal year 1865.

This is by far the largest annual sum paid into the treasury of the Grand Lodge of the United States, and may be regarded as reliable evidence of the general prosperity. These figures, of course, in so far as the actual balance in the treasury is concerned, are only approximate. The report of the Grand Treasurer, to be made during the session, after its audit by the Committee on Finance, will show the precise figures and balance. It may be assumed, however, that this statement is sufficiently accurate to authorize our congratulations that the Grand Lodge of the United States is at this time in a most healthful financial condition.

There has also been received during the year, and paid over, the following sums for account of the Wildey Monument Fund:

Illinois	$28 50
District of Columbia	60 00
Northern New York	117 50
Louisiana	115 58
Ohio	5 00

From a candid review of the situation, as deduced from the annual reports received and the general correspondence of this office, it will be apparent that as an Order we owe largely accumulated obligations to the Supreme Disposer of human events: not only that from the ruin which has rioted as the inseparable effect of war and its train of evil He has graciously rescued the genius of Odd-Fellowship, but for the unmistakable prosperity which has crowned its labors during the year now just closed; for the splendid progress which it has made throughout the vast moral field in which its efforts have been employed; for the unexampled strength of its national finance; for the heroism, which challenges our admiration and love, with which He has inspired our prostrate brethren in the South, who, gathering up the scattered and desolated fragments, have reconstructed the material, and again uplifted and unfurled the banner of "Peace on earth and good will to men." For these, and countless other favors of Heaven, a positive recognition on our part of the unerring hand of God eminently becomes us, and a general Thanksgiving with anthems of praise should ascend from our altars everywhere "to *Him* from whom all blessings flow."

Respectfully submitted,

BALTIMORE, Sept. 12, 1866. JAMES L. RIDGELY, *Cor. Sec'y.*

STOCK ACCOUNT.

Supplies on hand September 18, 1865, *amount received since, amount sold duving the year, and amount on hand September* 8, 1866.

	Cards.	Degree of Rebekah.	Charge Books.	Degree Books.	Installation Books.	Institution Books.	Grand Lodge Books.	Encampment Books	Grand Encam't Books.	Diplomas.	Odes.	Funeral Ceremonies.	Revised Journals.	Digests.	Forms for Degree Lodges
On hand Sep. 18, 1866	1,989	452	576	664	59	243	57	788	29	663	1,483	483	1114	488	6839
Received during the year.....	39,000	200	1307	....	505	...	..	...	..	500	8,400	...	100	1008	....
Total.....	40,989	652	1883	664	564	243	57	788	29	1163	9,883	483	1214	1496	6839
Sold during the year.	34,363	236	1040	350	140	35	6	380	1	631	9,065	...	304	530	147
On hand Sep. 8, 1866.	6.626	416	843	314	424	208	51	408	28	532	818	483	910	966	6692

Amount of supplies sold from September 18, 1865, *to September* 8, 1866, *showing the cost of each article, selling price and profit.*

NUMBER OF EACH ARTICLE SOLD.	Sold for	Cost.	Profit
Cards sold, 34,363.....	$8,590 75	$600 00	$7,990 75
Charge Books sold,.....1,036.....			
Furnished New Lodges,.... 4.....1,040.	3,108 00	387 34	2,720 66
Degree Books sold.....346.....			
Furnished New Lodges..... 4.....350.	1,038 00	25 50	1,012 50
Encampment sold.....344.....			
Furnished new Encampt's... 36.....380.	1,140 00	95 00	1,045 00
Odes sold, 9,065.....	906 50	181 30	725 20
Institution Books sold.....34.....			
Furnished D. D. G. Sire..... 1 .....35.	68 00	5 95	62 05
Degree of Rebekah sold, 236.....	472 00	47 20	424 80
Diplomas sold, 631.....	763 65	94 25	669 40
Installation Books, 140.....	280 00	46 80	233 20
Grand Lodge Books sold.....5.....			
Furnished new G. Lodge.....1... .....6.	15 00	1 20	13 80
Grand Encampment Books furnished G. E. of West Virginia, 1.....	.....	.....	.....
Forms for Degree Lodges sold, 147.....	14 70	70	14 00
Digests sold .....468.....			
Per resolution G. L. U. S... 62 .....530.	557 00	.....	.....
Revised Journal sold.....164 vols.....			
Per resolution G. L. U. S...140 " ....304.	490 00	.....	.....
	$17,443 60	$1,485 24	$14,911 36

ANNUAL REPORT *of Grand and Subordinate Lodges to the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, for the year ending June* 30, 1866.

LODGES.	No. of Lodges.	No. of Initiations.	No. of Rejections.	No. admitted by Card.	No. withdrawn by Card.	No. of Reinstatements.	No. of Suspensions.	No. of Expulsions.
G. L. Maryland.....	78	1,331	194	64	80	243	361	7
G. L. Massachusetts ...	59	902	53	42	48	40	81	4
G. L. New York†.....	100	1,252	106	61	92	73	454	17
G. L. Pennsylvania....	474	9,419	911	514	744	747	1,524	77
G. L. Dis. of Columbia	13	310	38	29	57	25	102	4
G. L. Delaware	29	378	46	17	35	20	63	3
G. L. Ohio	324	3,431	.....	437	627	419	.....	.....
G. L. Louisiana.....	32	207	40	33	35	80	129	8
G. L. New Jersey.....	78	894	49	46	39	49	135	9
G. L. Kentucky.....	108	864	93	144	176	103	129	17
G. L. Virginia	35	60	6	9	18	9	18	209
G. L. Indiana	225	2,116	241	491	555	172	304	52
G. L. Mississippi	53	129	15	41	32	23	53	4
G. L. Missouri	91	806	129	252	172	152	130	13
G. L. Illinois.....	246	2,255	247	599	581	457	861	41
G. L. Connecticut.....	19	310	9	12	8	34	17	3
G. L. Texas.....	16	75	9	34	80	17	125	2
G. L. Tennessee.....	48	179	56	45	34	20	38	5
G. L. South Carolina.	18	122	4	17	28	8	19	.....
G. L. Alabama.....	14	70	6	38	16	27	39	12
G. L. North Carolina.	11	30	5	8	4	2	58	.....
G. L. Georgia	13	111	8	23	40	20	172	5
G. L. Maine.....	20	121	.....	2	11	1	28	28
G. L. New Hampshire.	20	322	32	13	21	16	33	.....
G. L. Michigan	60	788	168	125	147	56	166	7
G. L. Wisconsin.....	52	612	74	86	132	41	94	29
G. L. Vermont.....	5	57	1	3	1	6	.....	.....
G. L. Iowa.....	96	908	114	391	220	122	116	60
G. L. Arkansas	9	64	14	35	17	2	47	2
G. L. Rhode Island....	11	58	5	1	2	13	23	.....
G. L. Florida.....	5	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
G. L. Minnesota	8	72	4	16	13	11	11	1
G. L. California	127	1,237	168	259	537	141	480	18
G. L. L. Pro. B. N. A.	3	28	.....	2	.....	.....	1	.....
G. L. Canada West....	13	211	22	11	26	8	36	3
G. L. Oregon	17	130	33	100	89	7	.....	2
G. L. Nebraska	7	48	14	21	21	6	.....	6
G. L. Kansas.....	16	233	26	169	34	22	17	7
G. L. West Virginia...	27	161	24	34	22	12	33	53
New Mexico.....	1	4	2	2	8	.....	.....	.....
Colorado*.....	3	82	15	26	14	.....	.....	1
Utah	1	30	2	14	3	.....	.....	.....
	2,620	29,477	2989	4,275	4,837	3,213	5,915	718

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ANNUAL REPORT *of Grand and Subordinate Lodges to the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, for the year ending June* 30, 1866.

LODGES.	No. of Deaths.	No. of Members.	No. of Brothers relieved.	No. of widowed families relieved.	Amount paid for the relief of brothers.	Am't paid for the relief of widowed families.
G. L. Maryland	148	11,446	2,781	148	$33,793 25	$21,840 75
G. L. Massachusetts	57	5,706	279	169	11,924 32	2,824 86
G. L. New York†	122	14,028	1,167	376	25,170 78	6,755 80
G. L. Pennsylvania	568	51,798	5,980	605	118,169 57	11,567 16
G. L. Dis. of Columbia	17	2,156	227	48	5,229 00	1,587 00
G. L. Delaware	14	2,189	282	56	4,469 50	510 40
G. L. Ohio	239	22,694	2,233	445	34,642 76	9,296 76
G. L. Louisiana	39	1,607	.....	.....	3,128 79	2,038 62
G. L. New Jersey	43	5,837	592	63	10,918 24	1,379 46
G. L. Kentucky	51	5,161	512	124	9,025 46	3,011 52
G. L. Virginia	26	2,418	73	17	993 00	490 00
G. L. Indiana	134	11,283	1,615	133	22,229 30	6,298 92
G. L. Mississippi	25	1,337	22	2	270 60	45 00
G. L. Missouri	49	4,052	290	113	6,493 70	3,223 15
G. L. Illinois	80	10,512	732	116	9,714 66	2,540 27
G. L. Connecticut	16	1,655	160	21	4,102 25	419 60
G. L. Texas	34	924	46	1	875 81	13 00
G. L. Tennessee	55	1,243	.....	.....	1,897 26	242 00
G. L. South Carolina	14	1,002	60	26	762 30	603 80
G. L. Alabama	5	583	10	9	279 65	.....
G. L. North Carolina	1	547	1	3	15 00	48 75
G. L. Georgia	27	1,087	75	11	1,232 00	191 00
G. L. Maine	17	1,207	101	9	4,383 00	240 00
G. L. New Hampshire	25	2,303	192	11	3,854 80	813 40
G. L. Michigan	20	3,562	122	49	2,119 83	291 00
G. L. Wisconsin	15	2,381	41	14	660 20	.....
G. L Vermont	.....	195	7	.....	115 00	466 20
G. L. Iowa	30	4,597	208	24	3,141 21	105 00
G. L. Arkansas	4	258	.....	5	.....	.....
G. L. Rhode Island	6	606	66	19	1,194 60	313 01
G. L. Florida	.....	100	.....	.....	.....	.....
G. L. Minnesota	3	365	27	5	231 90	35 09
G. L. California	78	7,559	934	42	37,643 54	3,842 05
G. L. L. Pro. N. B. A.	.....	154	3	2	52 00	3 00
G. L. Canada West	11	787	82	8	669 00	385 00
G. L. Oregon	9	726	55	2	1,500 00	265 00
G. L. Nebraska	3	364	22	.....	273 00	.....
G. L. Kansas	2	771	25	1	832 00	.....
G. L West Virginia	6	1,610	58	19	1,312 50	318 00
New Mexico	.....	43	.....	.....	.....	.....
Colorado*	.....	132	.....	.....	.....	.....
Utah	1	36	.....	.....	.....	.....
	2020	189,128	19,133	2,712	$364,149 78	$83,086 98

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ANNUAL REPORT *of Grand and Subordinate Lodges to the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, for the year ending June* 30, 1866.

LODGES.	Amount paid for the education of orphans.	Amount paid for burying the dead.	Total relief.	Amount of the annual receipts.
G. L. Maryland.....	$2,910 50	$6,050 00	$64,594 50	$107,375 95
G. L. Massachusetts ...	21 25	2,229 87	26,307 41	51,757 22
G. L. New York.....	261 17	4,861 53	37,049 28	79,766 62
G. L. Pennsylvania....	.....	30,781 35	160,518 08	393,399 67
G. L. Dis. of Columbia	1,159 28	850 00	8,805 28	21,901 01
G. L. Delaware	40 00	975 75	5,995 65	13,197 80
G. L. Ohio	304 65	6,728 68	50,972 85	146,115 96
G. L. Louisiana.....	30 00	1,768 00	6,965 41	26,899 89
G. L. New Jersey.....	193 15	1,993 15	14,484 00	39,344 66
G. L. Kentucky.....	540 95	2,658 70	15,236 63	54,973 76
G. L. Virginia	393 56	579 38	2,455 94	.....
G. L. Indiana	1,780 52	5,407 09	35,715 83	117,202 92
G. L. Mississippi	52 20	120 00	487 80	7,465 64
G. L. Missouri	1,873 95	2,345 45	13,936 25	38,563 74
G. L. Illinois.....	272 55	1,827 38	14,354 86	86,277 44
G. L. Connecticut.....	86 15	675 00	5,817 50	14,132 22
G. L. Texas.....	23 00	431 00	1,342 81	3,804 33
G. L. Tennessee.....	202 00	.....	.....	7,977 29
G. L. South Carolina.	65 47	292 75	1,323 02	6,787 26
G. L. Alabama	337 00	670 12	1,890 57	5,247 25
G. L. North Carolina.	.....	25 00	83 75	115 60
G. L. Georgia.....	96 70	615 00	2,636 20	6,016 89
G. L. Maine.....	.....	360 00	4,847 00	7,754 60
G. L. New Hampshire.	.....	919 65	5,014 45	13,882 24
G. L. Michigan	.....	443 75	3,376 98	20,703 14
G. L. Wisconsin.....	85 00	121 00	1,157 20	13,891 34
G. L. Vermont.....	.....	.....	.....	883 29
G. L. Iowa.....	47 00	939 00	4,593 41	30,550 79
G. L. Arkansas	54 00	.....	159 00	381 96
G. L. Rhode Island....	20 90	105 00	1,633 51	6,347 36
G. L. Florida.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
G. L. Minnesota.....	.....	110 00	376 90	2,950 94
G. L. California	114 24	7,118 12	49,317 95	199,966 77
G. L. L. Pro. B. N. A.	.....	.....	.....	39 83
G. L. Canada West....	.....	185 00	1,239 00	6,013 74
G. L. Oregon.....	.....	450 00	2,215 00	16,500 00
G. L. Nebraska	.....	75 00	348 00	2,027 72
G. L. Kansas	.....	105 00	937 00	8,151 70
G. L. West Virginia...	59 00	226 23	1,915 83	6,421 02
New Mexico.....	....	.....	.....	1,251 25
Colorado*.....	.....	.....	.....	4,880 73
Utah	.....	40 00	40 00	3,107 70
	$11,417 75	$83,592 33	$550,287 79	$1,574,027 64

* One Lodge no report. † This does not include the Lodges in N. New York.

ANNUAL REPORT *of Grand and Subordinate Encampments to the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, for the year ending June* 30, 1866.

ENCAMPMENTS.	No. of Encampments.	No. of Initiations.	No. of rejections.	No. admitted by card.	No. withdrawn by card.	No. of reinstatements.	No. of suspensions.	No. of expulsions.	No. of deaths.	No. of members.	No.of members relieved.	No. widow'd families reliev'd.
G. E. Maryland.....	11	148	6	3	11	8	22	...	9	1,402	212	12
G. E. Pennsylvania ...	100	1153	30	31	73	82	96	10	88	5,944	794	48
G. E. New York	11	163	2	5	12	3	20	...	10	741	45	4
G. E. Ohio.....	74	791	28	73	78	44	10	124	47	4,527	513	2
G. E. Kentucky	22	259	8	16	22	7	13	...	4	1,234	112	9
G. E. Virginia	8	30	1	4	8	7	1	26	9	753	20	1
G. E. Connecticut.....	6	58	...	...	...	...	1	...	3	306	11	...
G. E. New Jersey	16	203	3	11	11	14	20	...	3	796	45	1
G. E. South Carolina.	4	16	...	1	...	...	.....	...	1	140	4	2
G. E. Massachusetts...	14	251	5	6	28	9	11	...	11	1,210	69	2
G. E. Maine.....	5	30	...	...	...	...	3	...	2	208	17	...
G. E. New Hampshire.	6	67	6	...	3	1	5	...	4	523	34	1
G. E. Missouri	21	135	6	22	29	21	43	...	7	650	13	...
G. E. Dis. of Columbia	4	120	6	3	8	6	15	...	3	631	119	...
G. E. Georgia..	4	10	4	1	6	2	7	...	6	223	7	...
G. E. North Carolina.	...	.....	...	...	...	...	.....	...	.....	.....	.....	...
G. E. Indiana	73	525	10	47	91	22	34	5	29	2,324	311	6
G. E. Michigan	13	79	1	7	9	1	9	...	.....	193	.....	...
G. E. Tennessee.....	10	55	3	3	...	...	3	...	5	400	11	...
G. E. Mississippi	16	.....	...	...	...	...	.....	...	.....	.....	.....	...
G E. Louisiana.....	4	2	...	...	...	1	.....	...	1	149	.....	1
G. E. Alabama	4	16	...	1	4	1	.....	1	2	176	.....	...
G. E. Delaware	7	40	1	5	...	2	1	1	3	270	19	...
G. E. Wisconsin	12	147	2	5	22	2	4	1	2	434	.....	5
G. E. Rhode Island...	6	17	...	...	4	1	2	1	2	160	4	...
G. E. Illinois.....	56	471	24	80	112	30	131	5	5	1,809	43	2
G. E. Iowa.....	25	280	7	30	37	12	5	8	6	738	8	...
G. E. Texas.....	3	20	3	...	2	...	.....	...	.....	150	.....	...
G. E. California	27	245	10	29	66	17	32	1	15	1,096	59	1
G. E. West Virginia..	8	40	2	1	6	2	.....	...	.....	244	23	...
Arkansas*.....	4	4	...	1	1	...	.....	...	.....	33	.....	...
Vermont.	2	9	...	...	2	...	1	...	.....	34	.....	...
Minnesota.....	1	.....	...	...	...	...	.....	...	.....	.....	.....	...
Kansas†.....	5	.....	...	...	...	...	.....	...	.....	.....	.....	...
Canada West.....	3	33	...	15	12	...	.....	...	1	53	.....	...
Nebraska.....	2	9	...	4	1	...	.....	...	.....	42	.....	...
	587	5426	168	394	658	295	489	173	268	27,593	2493	47

* Only one Camp reported. † No report.

ANNUAL REPORT *of the Grand and Subordinate Encampments to the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, for the year ending June* 30, 1866—*continued.*

ENCAMPMENTS.	Amount paid for the relief of Members.	Amount paid for the relief of widowed families.	Am't paid for educ'n orph'ns.	Amount paid for burying the dead.	Total relief.	Amount of annual receipts.
G. E. Maryland	4,009 00	1,295 00	.....	710 00	6,014 00	10,531 11
G. E. Pennsylvania	14,638 80	652 86	.....	3661 50	18,953 16	41,860 19
G. E. New York	736 00	52 00	.....	145 00	933 00	4,159 82
G. E. Ohio	8,350 72	8 00	.....	842 75	9,201 47	28,945 71
G. E. Kentucky	1,383 75	125 00	20 00	237 45	1,766 20	5,813 21
G. E. Virginia	331 00	5 00	.....	231 50	567 50	1,854 27
G. E. Connecticut	137 00	.....	.....	30 00	167 00	1,108 94
G. E. New Jersey	534 55	2 00	.....	70 00	606 55	2,862 08
G. E. South Carolina	50 00	40 00	.....	20 00	110 00	276 18
G. E. Massachusetts	1,405 30	39 00	.....	185 00	3,617 14	7,291 96
G. E. Maine	406 00	.....	.....	.....	406 00	1,204 00
G. E. New Hampshire	241 00	20 00	.....	.....	261 00	1,609 71
G. E. Missouri	281 00	.....	.....	.....	281 00	2,948 35
G. E. Dis. of Columbia	1,398 00	.....	.....	60 00	1,458 00	2,850 94
G. E. Georgia	210 00	.....	.....	60 00	270 00	.....
G. E. North Carolina	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
G. E. Indiana	4,068 70	90 00	59 00	625 00	4,842 70	15,052 85
G. E. Michigan	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,283 22
G. E. Tennessee	129 00	.....	.....	.....	129 00	1,797 70
G. E. Mississippi	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
G. E. Louisiana	.....	20 00	.....	.....	20 00	611 50
G. E. Alabama	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	623 00
G. E. Delaware	520 00	.....	.....	50 00	570 00	884 13
G. E. Wisconsin	.....	72 00	10 00	40 00	122 00	1,386 09
G. E. Rhode Island	30 00	.....	.....	.....	30 00	508 76
G. E. Illinois	332 00	25 00	.....	.....	357 00	6,335 06
G. E. Iowa	179 00	.....	.....	18 00	197 00	3,838 28
G. E. Texas	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	400 00
G. E. California	1,983 10	20 00	.....	497 12	2,500 22	17,420 86
G. E. W. Virginia	234 00	.....	.....	50 00	284 00	1,323 10
Arkansas*	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	194 00
Vermont	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	49 50
Minnesota	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Kansas†	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Canada West	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	328 90
Nebraska	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	285 60
	41,587 92	2,465 86	89 00	7533 32	53,664 20	165639 02

*Only one Camp reported. †No report.

APPENDIX.

Papers Accompanying the Grand Sire's Report.

PROCLAMATION BY THE M. W. GRAND SIRE.

I. O. O. F.
OFFICE OF THE M. W. GRAND SIRE,
R. W. G. L. U. S.

To All whom it may concern:

I, ISAAC M. VEITCH, Most Worthy Grand Sire of the Grand Lodge of the I. O. O. F. of the United States of America and the jurisdiction thereunto belonging, these presents send greeting:

Whereas, at the regular annual session of the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, I. O. O. F., held in the city of Baltimore in the month of September, 1865, certain proceedings had by the Grand Lodge of Southern New York, and also by the Grand Lodge of Northern New York, were ratified and confirmed by the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States in the words following, to wit:

1. *Resolved*, That the Grand Lodge of the United States doth hereby ordain, enact, and declare that on and after the Tuesday following the third Monday in August, in the year one thousand eight hundred and sixty-six, the R. W. Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F., of Southern New York, and the R. W. Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F., of Northern New York, shall be united and consolidated, and the said Grand Lodges of Southern New York and of Northern New York, and the Lodges and members respectively subordinate to them, shall, on and after that day, together constitute one Grand Jurisdiction, to be known and hailed as "The Grand Lodge of the I. O. O. F. of the State of New York," and the said last-named Grand Lodge shall, on and after the day aforesaid, have and possess all the rights and privileges, franchises, and immunities appertaining and belonging to a State Grand Lodge under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of the United States.

2. *Resolved*, That the enactment made and adopted by the R. W. Grand Lodges of Southern and Northern New York, which is in the words and figures following, to wit, be and the same is hereby adopted, ratified, and confirmed by this Grand Lodge.

ENACTMENT.—The R. W. Grand Lodge of the I. O. O. F. of Southern New York, and the R. W. Grand Lodge of the I. O. O. F. of Northern New York, do enact as follows:

First. That application be made on behalf of said R. W. Grand Lodges to the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, I. O. O. F., to constitute the said R. W. Grand Lodges, and the Lodges and members subordinate thereto, into one jurisdiction, to be known and hailed as "The Grand Lodge I. O. O. F. of the State of New York," and that the Constitution hereto annexed shall be the Constitution of said R. W. Grand Lodge, and shall at the same time be submitted to the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States for approval.

Second. That in the event that such application be granted, the said Constitution and the annexed By-Laws and Rules of Order shall govern the said Grand Lodge, and such union shall take immediate effect, except as provided in the next enactment.

Third. The Grand Officers of each Grand Lodge elected at the Annual Sessions of 1865 shall continue to hold their offices until the Annual Session of 1866, and shall have jurisdiction over all the Lodges located in their respective territorial limits, except that such Lodges shall pay to the Grand Lodge to which they are now subordinate the assessment which shall be levied upon them at the Annual Session of 1865, and except that every Lodge shall continue to work under its present Constitution until the Annual Session of 1866.

Fourth. One uniform P. W. shall be established forthwith for the whole State, and the M. W. Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Southern New York shall select the P. W. to be used until April, 1866, and the M. W. Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Northern New York shall select the P. W. to be used from April 1st to the Annual Session of 1866, and until otherwise changed.

Fifth. Each District Grand Committee shall forward to the Grand Secretary of Southern New York in 1866 the nominations for Grand Officers, and such Grand Secretary shall forward to all the candidates notices of such nominations and receive notices of their acceptances, and forward to all the Subordinate Lodges a list of candidates actually in nomination, and receive the election returns of such Lodges, and deliver the same to the Grand Lodge at its Annual Session in 1866.

Sixth. At the opening of the Annual Session in 1866 the senior Past Grand Master present shall call the Grand Lodge to order and preside, and appoint the subordinate officers temporarily, except that the R. W. Grand Secretary of Southern New York shall act as Grand Secretary until the installation of his successor. The business shall then proceed in the order as laid down in the Rules of Order.

Seventh. All properties, funds, rights, and claims of each Grand Lodge shall, from and after the Annual Session of 1866, belong to and be vested in the R. W. Grand Lodge of the I. O. O. F. of the State of New York; and each Grand Lodge shall, at the annual session of 1865, levy upon its Subornates a sufficient assessment to pay up all the indebtedness of such Grand Lodge, and all its expenses up to the Annual Session of 1866.

Eighth. At the annual election in 1866 the only candidates for Grand Representatives shall be the Grand Representatives elected by each Grand Body in 1865, and the one having the greater number of votes shall be elected for two years and the other for one year.

And whereas it was further resolved in the words following:

"3. That the Grand Sire be and he is hereby directed to issue a proclamation at least sixty days before the said Tuesday following the third Monday in August, in the year 1866, making known to the said jurisdictions of Southern and of Northern New York, and all other jurisdictions in the Order, the changes hereby ordained and established:"

Now, therefore, in pursuance of the authority conferred by the said R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, I. O. O. F., I do hereby, by this, my proclamation, make known to the said jurisdictions of Southern New York and of Northern New York, and to all other jurisdictions in the Order, the changes ordained and established by the proceedings herein set forth.

Done at the city of Baltimore this 25th day of September, Anno Domini, 1865, and of our Order the 47th.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the Grand Lodge of the I. O. O. F. of the United States of America to be affixed.

ISAAC M. VEITCH, *Grand Sire.*

JAMES L. RIDGELY, *G. C. and R. Secretary.*

PROCLAMATION BY THE M. W. GRAND SIRE

I. O. O. F.

OFFICE OF THE M. W. GRAND SIRE,
R. W. G. L. U. S.

To all whom it may concern:

I, ISAAC M. VEITCH, Most Worthy Grand Sire of the Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd-Fellows of the United States of America and the jurisdictions thereunto belonging, these presents send greeting:

Whereas, at the regular annual session of the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, Independent Order of Odd-Fellows, held at the city of Baltimore in the month of September, 1865, certain proceedings had by the Grand Encampment of Southern New York, and also by the Grand Encampment of Northern New York, were ratified and confirmed by the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States in the words following, to wit:

1. *Resolved*, That the Grand Lodge of the United States doth hereby ordain, enact, and declare that, in accordance with the terms and provisions of an "enactment" passed by the R. W. Grand Encampments of Patriarchs of the I. O. O. F. of Southern and Northern New York, the said Grand Encampments and the Encampments and Patriarchs respectively subordinate thereto, are united and consolidated into one Grand Jurisdiction, to be known and hailed as "the Grand Encampment of Patriarchs of the I. O. O. F. of the State of New York," which said "enactment" is in the words and figures following, to wit:

ENACTMENT.—The R. W. Grand Encampment of Patriarchs of the I. O. O. F. of Southern New York, and the R. W. Grand Encampment of Patriarchs of the I. O. O. F. of Northern New York, do enact as follows:

First. That application be made on behalf of said R. W. Grand Encampments to the R. W, Grand Lodge of the United States, I. O. O. F., that in case said Grand Lodge shall constitute the R. W. Grand Lodges of Southern and Northern New York into one jurisdiction, the said Grand Lodge do constitute the said R. W. Grand Encampments, and the Encampments and Patriarchs subordinate thereto, into one jurisdiction, to be known and hailed as "the Grand Encampment of Patriarchs of the I. O. O. F. of the State of New York," and that the Constitution hereto annexed shall be the Constitution of the said R. W. Grand Encampment, and shall at the same be submitted to the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States for approval.

Second. That should such application be granted, the said Constitution and the annexed By-Laws and Rules of Order shall govern the said Grand Encampment, and such union shall take effect immediately, except as provided in the next enactment.

Third. The Grand Officers of each Grand Encampment elected at the annual session, 1865, shall continue to hold their offices until the annual session in 1866, and shall have jurisdiction over all the Encampments located in their respective territorial limits, except that the Encampments shall pay to the Grand Encampment to which they are now subordinate the assessment which shall be levied upon them at the annual session, 1865, and except that every Encampment shall continue to work under its present Constitution until the annual session of 1866.

Fourth.—One uniform P. W. shall be established forthwith for the whole State, and the M. W. G. Patriarch of the Grand Encampment of Northern New York shall elect the P. W. to be used until January, 1866, and the M. W. G. Patriarch of the Grand Encampment of Southern New York shall select the P. W. to be used after January, 1866, to the annual session of 1866, and until otherwise changed.

Fifth. At the opening of the annual session in 1866, the Senior P. G. Patriarch present shall call the Encampment to order, and preside and appoint the subordinate officers temporarily, except that the R. W. Grand Scribe of

Southern New York shall act as Grand Scribe until the installation of his successor. The business shall then proceed as laid down in the Rules of Order.

Sixth. All properties, funds, rights, and claims of each Grand Encampment shall, from and after the annual session of 1866, belong to and be vested in the R. W. Grand Encampment of Patriarchs of I. O. O. F. of the State of New York, and each Grand Encampment shall, at the annual session of 1865, levy upon its Subordinates a sufficient assessment to pay up all the indebtedness of such Grand Encampment and all its expenses up to the annual session of 1866.

Seventh. At the annual election in 1866 the only candidates for Grand Representatives shall be the Grand Representatives elected by each Grand Body in 1865, and the one having the greater number of votes shall be elected for two years, and the other for one year.

And whereas it was further resolved, in the words following: that the Grand Sire be and he is hereby directed to issue his proclamation making known the union and consolidation herein declared and established

Now, therefore, in pursuance of the authority conferred by the said R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, Independent Order of Odd-Fellows, I do hereby, by this, my proclamation, make known to the said jurisdictions of Southern New York and of Northern New York, and to all other jurisdictions in the Order, the changes ordained and established by the proceedings herein set forth.

Done at the city of Baltimore, this 25th day of September, Anno Domini 1865. and of our Order the 47th.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd-Fellows of the United States of America to be affixed.

ISAAC M. VEITCH, *Grand Sire.*

JAMES L. RIDGELY, *G. C. and R. Secretary.*

Papers accompanying Grand Secretary's Report.

Circular transmitted to the several State Grand Bodies, January 1, 1866—*notice of revision of the work.*

R. W. GRAND LODGE UNITED STATES,

September Session, 1865.

At the regular annual communication of the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, held in the city of Baltimore, September 18, 1865, among other proceedings the following was had:

On motion of Rep. HILL, of California,

Resolved, That the R. W. Grand Corresponding Secretary be requested to inform the several Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments, by circular or otherwise, upon the next annual meeting of said bodies, that the revision of the work will come specially before the R. W. Grand Lodge at its next session, for consideration and final action.

True copy from Journal.

TEST. JAMES L. RIDGELY, *Cor. Sec'y.*

I. O. O. F.

OFFICE CORRESPONDING AND RECORDING SECRETARY,
R. W. G. L. U. S.

January 1, 1866.

To.....R. W. G.....
of G.....of.....

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER:

In conformity with the order contained in the subjoined resolution, the accompanying abstract of the proceedings of the R. W. G. L. of the U. S. is herewith transmitted.

Fraternally yours, JAMES L. RIDGELY, *Cor. Sec'y.*

Circular accompanying the transmission of the new form of O. B. N.

I. O. O. F

OFFICE CORRESPONDING AND RECORDING SECRETARY,
R. W. G. L. U. S.

Baltimore, November 15, 1865.

To.....
R. W. G.....of G.....
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DEAR SIR AND BROTHER:

I have transmitted to you, this day, slips of the New Form of O. B. N.'s, to be pasted in the Charge Books, now in use, instead of the present form. You will cause them to be properly distributed.

Yours fraternally,

JAMES L. RIDGELY, *Cor. Sec'y.*

Public Recognition of Civilities

Extended by corporate authorities, and others, to the G. L. of U. S., upon the occasion of the dedication of the Wildey Monument.

[From the Baltimore American, Oct. 21, 1865.]

I. O. O. F.

R. W. GRAND LODGE OF THE UNITED STATES.

At the regular Annual Session of the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, held in the city of Baltimore on September 18th, 1865, the following, among other proceedings, was unanimously adopted:

Rep. JONES, of Massachusetts, from the Special Committee on that subject, made the following report, which was *unanimously* adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee, to whom was referred the resolution of Rep. JONES, have attended to the assigned duty, and would report:

That whereas the importance of the marked events of the session, the principal of which are the union of the Order and the surrender of the Wildey Monument to the custody of the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, with the ceremonies incident thereto, having been appreciated not only by Odd-Fellows, but by the citizens and friends of the Order in Baltimore, as evinced by their unremitting hospitalities: Therefore,

Resolved, That a public recognition of our obligations is due to the corporate authorities of the city of Baltimore, for the splendid banquet given by them to the members of the Grand Lodge of the United States during the past week; and that we shall ever hold in grateful remembrance these

generous indications that the seat of this great Fraternity, which exalts "Friendship" as a cardinal virtue, is wisely located in the beautiful city of Baltimore.

Resolved, That the elegant and sumptuous entertainment furnished by the Merchants and Business men of Baltimore to the members of the Grand Lodge, on Friday evening, at the New Assembly Rooms, is hereby gratefully acknowledged, not only as a mark of personal kindness, but as expressive of public respect for the Order we represent.

Resolved, That it is eminently proper to place upon the record of this Grand Lodge our sincere and heart-inspired thanks to the Grand Lodge and Encampment of Maryland, and the brethren in Baltimore, for the uniform kindness and attention which they have extended to the members of the Grand Lodge of the United States during the present session, and that we will ever cherish with the liveliest emotions of gratitude the recollection of the courtesies here received, and shall carry with us henceforth the feeling that new and indissoluble ties of warm, fraternal regard bind us to the brethren for whose kind offices we are under such deep obligations.

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be requested to transmit a copy of the above resolution to the City Authorities, to the Merchants Committee of Arrangements, and to the Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment of Maryland.

Resolved, That the thanks of the Grand Lodge be presented to Brother John T. Ford, for his polite invitation to attend the performances at the Theatre under his management; to Artemus Ward, for his invitation to to visit his entertainment at the Concordia Opera House; to Messrs. Porter and Dudley, for the privileges of the Merchants' Exchange and News Room, extended in their invitation; to Henry Tyson, Esq., President of the City Passenger Railway Company, for tickets for the use of the members of the Grand Lodge; to the Trustees of Peabody Institute; to the Superintendent of the House of Refuge; to the gentlemen of the State Tobacco Warehouse; to Messes. G. W. Gail & Ax, and to all others, whose desire to render the visit of the Grand Representatives pleasant and profitable was manifested by invitations to visit institutions and to inspect objects of general interest.

JAS. S. JONES,
BENJ. KINGSBURY, JR.,
H. B. ANDREWS,
S. A. ENHOLM,
J. F. MUNRO.

True copy from the Journal.

Baltimore, Oct. 21, 1865.

JAMES L. RIDGELY, *Cor. Sec'y.*

Presentation to Maryland Historical Society.

I. O. O. F.

OFFICE CORRESPONDING AND RECORDING SECRETARY,
R. W. G. L. U. S.

Baltimore, March 20, 1866.

JOHN SPEAR SMITH, *President Maryland Historical Society:*

DEAR SIR—In pursuance of a resolution unanimously adopted by the Grand Lodge of the United States of the Independent Order of Odd-Fellows, at its September session, 1865, I have the honor to present in behalf of that Body, to the Historical Society of Maryland, a copy of the entire Journal of its proceedings since its formation in 1821, up to and inclusive of its session in 1865, 4 volumes octavo; also, a copy of the Covenant, a monthly periodical, devoted to the cause of Odd-Fellowship, published under its aus-

pices, 3 volumes, octavo. These works comprehend a detailed history of the origin and general progress of an institution which has, during the last half century, been earnestly and effectively engaged in efforts to improve the moral and physical condition of man, the general scope however and extent of whose ministrations have been for the most part a sealed book to the public eye. Having had its origin in the city of Baltimore in 1819, from which point it has been diffused all over the Continent, and beyond it to the islands adjacent, it has been thought eminently proper that the chronicles of an Order which has obtained no inconsiderable a place among the "Humanties" of the age should be preserved among the archives of a society whose noble idea is to treasure and transmit to posterity the sacred historical memories of the State.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES L. RIDGELY, *Cor. Sec'y.*

MARYLAND HISTORICAL SOCIETY'S ROOMS,
Baltimore, March 27, 1866.

SIR—I am instructed to communicate to you the thanks of the Society for "the Journal of the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of the United States of the Independent Order of Odd-Fellows, from 1821 to 1865," in 4 volumes, 8vo., and also for the "Covenant," in 3 volumes, 8vo., generously contributed to our Library by your Order.

I have the honor to be your odedient servant,

E. A. DALRYMPLE,
Cor. Sec'y Maryland Historical Society.

TO JAMES L. RIDGELY, ESQ.,
Cor. Sec'y I. O. O. F. U. S., Baltimore.

Presentation to Astor Library of New York.

I. O. O. F.
OFFICE CORRESPONDING AND RECORDING SECRETARY,
R. W. G. L. U. S.
Baltimore, April 12, 1866.

JAMES P. SANDERS, ESQ., *R. W. Deputy Grand Sire:*

MY DEAR SIR AND BROTHER—By resolutions of the Grand Lodge of the United States, at the September session, 1865, unanimously adopted, I am directed to present to the Astor Library of the city of New York "a copy of the Journal of the Grand Body, together with any other publications relating to the history and progress of the Order which may be in its possession." In view of your high position in the Order, and the great zeal which has distinguished your valuable labors in its behalf, I beg to invite your co-operation in the discharge of this agreeable office.

Our Order has pursued its great mission so noiselessly during the last half century that, although active and effective in its work, in the crowded paths of life, few of the outside world have seen or felt its power for good among men, and still fewer, it is believed, have learned anything of its real character and influence.

These volumes, heretofore sealed comparatively to the public, will now occupy prominent positions in the principal libraries of the nation, contributing to American litearature, if not choice and attractive general reading, at least light and knowledge, by the aid of which much of the prejudice

against Odd-Fellowship will be dispelled, and its real value to society will be better appreciated. I herewith transmit to you four bound volumes of the Journal of the Grand Lodge of the United States, from 1821 to 1865, inclusive; also, three bound volumes "Covenant," a periodical devoted to Odd-Fellowship, published by the Grand Lodge of the United States in 1842, 3, and 4. Be pleased to make the formal presentation in behalf of the Grand Lodge to the proper authorities of the Astor Library of the city of New York, and oblige yours, very truly,

JAMES L. RIDGELY, *Cor. Sec'y.*

YONKERS, *April 20th*, 1866.

J. L. RIDGELY, ESQ., *G. Cor. Sec'y:*

MY DEAR SIR AND BROTHER: Yours of the 12th instant, with package of books for Astor Library, New York, came duly to hand, and in acccordance with your request I presented the same to the Trustees of the Library on the 18th inst., and herewith transmit to you the acknowledgments for the same from the Trustees, and I trust that these volumes will be the means of giving some light and knowledge of the principles of our Order to those who have heretofore been ignorant of what we are, and what we are doing in the world to ameliorate the condition of the human race.

With thanks to you for your complimentary remarks, I am, my dear brother, your's fraternally.

J. P. SANDERS.

The Trustees of the Astor Library have received, as a donation, from the Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd-Fellows of the United States, a copy of their "Journal of Proceedings," (years 1821-65,) together with a copy of the "Covenant," 1842, '3, '4 for which they return their grateful acknowledgments to the donor.

NEW YORK, 18th April, 1866.

Entered upon the record of donations and deposited in the library.

FRANCIS SCHROEDER, *Superintendent.*

Presentation of Wildey Bust.

I. O. O. F.

OFFICE CORRESPONDING AND RECORDING SECRETARY,
R. W. G. L. U. S.

BALTIMORE, January 11th, 1866.

To HERMON D. A. HENNING, ESQ., *Sculptor:*

DEAR SIR: The Bust executed by you in plaster of P. G. Sire Thomas Wildey, and presented by you to the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States through Mr. James Fryer, has been received, and has been accepted.

I am directed by resolution, unanimously adopted, to present to you the thanks of that Body for the presentation, and I beg to say, in performing this duty, that the admirable likeness which it preserves of the deceased P. G. Sire, and the genius and skill which the work displays, entitle you to a generous patronage.

Yours, respectfully,

JAMES L. RIDGELY, *Cor. Sec'ry.*

Boylston Correspondence.

I. O. O. F.

OFFICE CORRESPONDING AND RECORDING SECRETARY,
R. W. G. L. U. S.

Mrs. Robert B. Boylston. BALTIMORE, January 1, 1866.

MADAM: It is made my duty by the Grand Lodge of the United States, I. O. O. F., to transmit to the bereaved widow and orphaned children of our lamented P. G. Sire ROBERT B. BOYLSTON, of South Carolina, a copy of the proceedings had in that Grand Body at its September Session, 1865, upon the occasion of the announcement of his death.

In the discharge of this melancholy office I feel that I enter upon hallowed ground, and that it becomes a stranger to tread the path which leads to the sanctuary of the stricken heart with gentle step. In this spirit allow me, in the name and on behalf of the brotherhood of which the deceased was a distinguished and honored member, to lay before you the just tribute to his revered memory which their love and admiration prompted at the first moment of time presented for their official action. The name of your beloved husband was ever dear to that brotherhood in life, and is consecrated to it in death by a thousand associations and endearments, the memory of which will continue to diffuse its fragrance until life's fitful twilight shall have been merged into the night of death.

All the many and important positions of honor and responsibility which he was called to occupy by the voice of his brethren, he adorned with a vigor of mind and grace of manner which alike distinguished him among his peers, and endeared him to all within the sphere of their influence. The impress of his highly cultivated mind is left upon every subject which his genius created and fashioned into substantive form, and the rich fruits of his great administrative ability, as the Executive of our Order, remain to us as a cherished heritage.

These memorials belong to us, and form an imperishable record in the annals of that institution which he loved so well, and served with rare ability. The proceedings of the Grand Body, which I have herewith the honor to transmit, speak in profound sincerity the sense of bereavement which the intelligence of his death awakened in all hearts; they utter but simple and unadorned words, it is true, yet believe me, they represent a depth of grief which dwells rather in the silent and sacred chambers of the heart than in the eloquence "of thoughts that breathe, or of words that burn."

Before I subscribe my official signature to this offering of sympathy and condolence with the beloved ones of our departed brother, by the command of the distinguished body which I represent, I venture, in all humility, to mingle my individual sorrow with the grief of my brethren. You will pardon, I am sure, the apparent intrusion in view of the long and continued and intimate personal relation which subsisted between your honored husband and myself. It was among the most valued and cherished privileges of my life to have enjoyed his friendship; for many years our associations were those of pure affection, unmixed with or influenced by the grosser spirit of the world. I loved him for his individual worth, for his manly and noble nature, for the elevated moral which characterized his every act and sentiment, for qualities of heart and soul which ever inspire admiration and lift men to eminence and to honor. These sentiments, I rejoice to say, not only continue to hallow his memory in my affections, but will while life lasts cling around my heart with a tenacity which death alone can sever.

Accept for yourself, amid the gloom and sorrow which surrounds you, the condolence of one who invokes for you and your precious orphaned children the consolation which "the world can neither give nor take away."

Herewith accompany an official copy of the proceedings referred to.

With sincere respect, your obedient servant,

JAMES L. RIDGELY, *Cor. Sec'y*

WINNSBORO, *January 15th*, 1866.

MR. JAMES L. RIDGELY.

DEAR SIR: I thank you for your kind and sympathetic letter, which accompanied the beautiful tribute paid to my beloved husband by the Grand Lodge. I cannot feel to you as a stranger, having heard him speak so often of you, and knowing the high estimate he placed upon you as a friend, and I keenly appreciate all you so kindly said of him. I see that the Grand Lodge has deputed you to have his portrait taken, and I write to beg you would not have it taken from the likeness enclosed in the books you sent, as it is by no means a good likeness. It is a source of great sorrow to me that I have no correct likeness of him at the time of his death, as he was much altered and improved in appearance. The likeness taken of him some years ago, when they were taken of all the members of the Grand Lodge, in regalia, was a good likeness *then*, and is the best I have. If you cannot obtain a copy I can send you mine, but I think they were hung in the Lodge. It is the best likeness I have, and I prize it accordingly.

After fifteen days' illness of typhoid fever, God saw fit to take from me my best, my dearest earthly treasure, more to me than all else in the world. But it is the Lord; let him do what seemeth to him good. He left four children, three sons and a daughter, and died leaving as a heritage for them a spotless name, which it will be the aim of my life to have them imitate. Not the least of the cherished mementoes which I shall keep for them will be the Odd-Fellows' tribute and your own kind and beautiful letter. I enclose an obituary notice of him by his intimate friend, Gen. McGowan.

With sincere respect, yours truly,

S. A. BOYLSTON.

Copy of Proceedings of Grand Lodge on the Occasion.

I. O. O. F.

R. W. GRAND LODGE UNITED STATES,

September Session, 1865.

At the regular Annual Communication of the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, held at the city of Baltimore on the 18th, 19th, 20th, 21st and 22d days of September, 1865, present a Representation from the following Jurisdictions, viz: Maryland, Massachusetts, Southern New York, Pennsylvania, District of Columbia, Delaware, Ohio, Louisiana, New Jersey, Kentucky, Virginia, Alabama, Indiana, Mississippi, Missouri, Illinois, Connecticut, Texas, Tennessee, South Carolina, Georgia, Maine, New Hampshire, Michigan, Wisconsin, Vermont, Iowa, Rhode Island, Northern New York, Minnesota, California, Canada West, Oregon, Nebraska, and Kansas, the following among other proceedings was had:

Rep. FITZHUGH, of Virginia, from the Special Committee on that subject, made the following report:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The eventful and ever memorable session of 1865 is drawing to its close. Much has transpired, during the brief week of its continuance, to bring joy and gladness to the heart of the patriot and Odd-Fellow. But it seems that He who orders and controls all human events does not permit the cup of joy to be unalloyed, but, for wise and good purposes, so mingles sorrow with rejoicing as to say to us with it all, "be still and know that I am God." One by one our old companions and fellow laborers here are passing away. The most imposing pageant our Order has ever witnessed convened here within the last few days, to accept the beautiful and touching memorial our Fraternity has erected to the loved, the honored, the immortal dead. And your

committee now has the melancholy duty officially to announce to you that another great and good man has fallen. ROBERT B. BOYLSTON, of South Carolina, lives no more on earth. He died at his residence in Winnsboro, South Carolina, on the 4th day of September, 1865. He has been cut off at the early age of forty-two, in the full vigor of manhood. But his career, though brief, is crowded with evidences of all those traits of character that adorn and elevate and dignify our nature. He was born in Charleston, South Carolina, in the year 1822. He graduated with distinguished honor in the Columbia College, South Carolina, an institution of learning then and now of a very high grade. At the early age of nineteen he studied law in his native State, and at the age of twenty-one was admitted to the Bar. Within a very short time thereafter, and while yet quite a youth, he gave such evidences of learning in his profession, and of vigor of intellect that he was appointed to fill a responsible and important legal position, in which he gave the highest satisfaction, and, by his entegrity, urbanity, and learning, adorned the station he held, and won his way rapidly into the confidence and regard of his people. This was so signally the case that, although wedded to domestic tastes, and preferring the sweet and hallowed associations of his loved fireside, and the pursuits of literary and scientific researches to anything ambition could offer, yet so instinctively had the people discerned the fitness and capacity of the man for the highest duties of the statesman and the legislator, that successively, year after year, he was called upon to represent them in the Legislature of his State. He was too much of a patriot, too much of a lover of his kind, to withhold any service he could render his country, and, though contrary to his natural inclinations, he did represent his district faithfully, ably, and satisfactorily. In the House of Representatives he soon won an enviable reputation for ability of the highest order. He was always found in his place, always at the post of duty, and always equal to the demand made upon him. So much was this the case, so great was the confidence of the fellow members of the Legislature in him, that at most important periods in the history of his State he was selected by them to fill the honored place of Speaker of the House of Representatives of South Carolina, and filled his duties, as he discharged every duty he ever undertook, with eminent ability and success. In a private letter, written with unreserved confidence to an old and loved friend, Grand Secretary JAMES L. RIDGELY, (who we know will pardon the liberty we take when our object is to praise ROBERT B. BOYLSTON,) he says: "The people of this district have given abundant and repeated evidence of their confidence in me, and the circumstances under which I was elected Speaker of the House of Representatives, while positively refusing to be a candidate, induce me to believe that I am popular in the State." He was popular in the State; his modesty had forbid his seeing what all others saw and realized, until forced upon him by such evidences as that we have just alluded to. The last public duty discharged by this great and good man is thus referred to by him in another letter to the same correspondent. He says: "Our district will hold a public meeting to-morrow, over which I am to preside, at which the request will be made for the restoration of the civil government, and the loyalty of this people to the support of the Government will be pledged." Thus, as early as June last, he was engaged in the glorious work of union, harmony, and concilation. How would the great heart of the noble patriot have swelled had he been spared to witness the scenes and hear the glad welcome we have seen and heard during the past four days. How would he have poured forth the emotions to which they naturally give rise in "thoughts that breathe and words that burn." But it has been ordered otherwise, and it becomes us to bow with humble submission to this dispensation, and say from our hearts, "Father, thy will be done."

But though his legal and political career was a continued and brilliant success, it was no less eminent in the Order he loved so well and served so faithfully. He first took his seat as a member of this Grand Lodge at the

session of 1854; modest and unobtrusive he soon attracted the attention of the very able body of men who attended that session by his great familiarity with legislative proceedings, and the manifest power he exhibited in debate during the closing days of that session. From that day until after the session of 1860 the history of ROBERT B. BOYLSTON would almost be a history of the Order. For years the chairman of one of the leading committees of this Grand Lodge, his reports exhibited the clear analytical power of his vigorous intellect, the soundness of his surefooted judgment, and the elegance of a literary taste that defies criticism. The literature of our Order is enriched by no purer English than that of which flowed from the pen of the lamented BOYLSTON. At the session of 1860, as you all know, he was elevated to the highest honor the Order can bestow; but it was so ordered by Him who controls the destiny of nations that he was never able to give to the Order the benefit of his enlarged experience in the high position their preference conferred upon him, and his last appearance in this Grand Lodge was when his manly voice was heard in the closing ceremony of the session in Nashville.

P. G. Sire BOYLSTON possessed social qualities of a high Order. Few could resist the warmth of his cordial, genial manners, or the charms of his conversational powers. Still fewer of his contemporaries could resist his power in debate—clear, logical and convincing; to admit his premises was to adopt his conclusion; and yet, such was his urbanity of manner, that, though, he seldom went out of a debate except as a conqueror, no instance is remembered in which his defeated opponent ever took exception to what he had said.

It seemed as if nature, in the prodigality of her gifts to her favored son, had denied him no qualification which was necessary to make him eminent in every walk of life.

But he has gone! We revere his memory; we lament his death. He lies in his untimely grave, beneath the soil of his own loved South Carolina, and the evergreens through which the winds of Heaven whisper their secret requiem wave over the mouldering remains of no purer or nobler spirit than that of ROBERT B. BOYLSTON.

We respectfully commend the passage of the following resolutions.

EDWARD H. FITZHUGH,
JNO. DONIPHAN,
JAMES D. RIGGS,
F. M. FOSTER,
LUTHER HOMES.

Resolved, That in the death of the M. W. P. G. Sire ROBERT B. BOYLSTON, of South Carolina, this Grand Body has lost one of its most honored and esteemed members, the nation a valued and patriotic citizen, and Odd-Fellowship one of its most devoted, earnest, and truthful champions.

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be and he is hereby directed to procure a portrait of P. G. Sire BOYLSTON from such source as he may be able, and have the same placed in the Hall of this Grand Lodge.

Resolved, That this Grand Lodge deeply sympathize with the bereaved and afflicted wife of our lamented brother and his orphaned children, in this their night of sadness and gloom; and, while we know how feeble and inadequate our ministrations of consolation must appear to their lacerated spirits, overwhelmed with so great a grief, we would earnestly point to One abundantly able to protect the widow and shield the orphan.

Resolved, That this report be spread upon the Journal of this Grand Body, and a copy be furnished the family of our departed brother.

On motion the rule was suspended, and the report was considered, and *unanimously* adopted, by a rising vote.

IN TESTIMONY that the foregoing is a literal abstract from the Journal of Proceedings of the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, I. O. O. F., I hereto affix the seal of the said Grand Body and subscribe my official signature, this twenty-third day of December, A. D. 1865, and of our Order the forty-seventh.

JAMES L. RIDGELY, *Cor. Sec'y.*

This report was read, and, on motion of Rep. FRENCH, of Indiana, referred to the same special committee to which the report of the Grand Sire was referred.

The R. W. Grand Treasurer submitted the following Report, which was, on motion of Rep. ESCAVAILLE, of Maryland, referred to the Committee on Finance:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

I herewith submit a statement of the condition of the Wildey Monument fund, embracing the receipts and discursements on that account since the annual report made in that connection on the 19th September, 1865, and recorded on pages 3788, 3789, 3790, of the Journal of that year.

	DR.		GRAND TREASURER.	
1865.	Sept. 19—	To cash balance this date, as per annual report..	$4,661	17
		U. S. 5-20 registered bonds, at par value per annual report.....	4,000	00
		U. S. 5-20 coupon bonds, at par value, per annual report.....	2,000	00
			$10,661	17
"	" 25—	Premium at 7¾ per cent. on $2,000, coupon bonds, sold to meet liabilities.....	155	00
"	Oct. 16—	Interest, 6 months, on $4,000 of registered bonds.	120	00
		Premium on $120, in gold, at 44½ per cent.....	53	40
1866.	May 3—	Interest, 6 months, on $4,000 of registered bonds.	120	00
		Premium on $120, in gold, at 27½ per cent....	33	00
"	Sept. 17—	Rec'd from G. Sec'y J. L. Ridgely, to this date.	411	58
			892	98
		Total.....	$11,554	15
		GRAND TREASURER.	CR.	
1865.	Sept. 25—	No. 1, Tarr & Bevan, contractors for erection of Monument.....	$6,140	00
		No. 2, H. S. Tarr, muslin for veiling statue and tablets.....	20	25
"	Oct. 18—	No. 3, E. F. Durang, architect, for drawings, &c..	275	00
1866.	June 28—	No. 4, Oliver & Flemming, granite curbing for Monument.....	850	00
"	Sept. 11—	No. 5, Raisin & Crummer, drawing for railing..	5	00
"	" 12—	No. 6, Bevan & Sons, on account of tiling for Monument.....	240	00
"	" 15—	No. 7, A. J. Kone, painting railing.....	10	00
		Total.....	$7,540	25
		Balance.....	4,013	90
			$11,554	25
		Balance brought down.....	$4,013	90

The above balance consists of the following, viz:

Cash	$13 90
Four United States' inscribed bonds of $1,000, each	4,000 00
	$4,013 90

The liabilities of the fund are as follows:

Bevan & Sons, for tiling around the Monument	960 00
G. H. Pagets, for railing around the Monument	872 00
	$1,832 00

To liquidate these liabilities, two of the United States bonds of one thousand dollars each should be sold. These bonds are registered in the corporate title of the Grand Lodge, and constitute a portion of those purchased for the Grand Lodge out of the proceeds and indebtedness of the Wildey estate, under the resolution of the Grand Lodge of September 17, 1862, and which bonds were in 1864, under a resolution of the Grand Lodge of that year, transferred to the credit of the Wildey Monument fund, in exchange for the value of the same at their current rates, to enable the Grand Lodge to cancel its liabilities.

Inasmuch as the Grand Lodge has in its Treasury a greater sum of money than will, under ordinary prudent management, be required to meet accruing expenses for the current year, I would respectfully recommend that the two bonds referred to be transferred to the credit of the Grand Lodge, and that, in exchange therefor, the Grand Lodge transfer to the credit of the Wildey Monument fund the current value of said bonds.

The adoption of the foregoing suggestion will increase the revenue of the Grand Lodge, in the matter of interest, that will from time to time accrue on the bonds, and enable the Committee on the Wildey Monument to pay off existing indebtedness, and make such embellishment of the grounds adjacent to the Monument as may be deemed necessary and expedient.

After the sale or transfer of these bonds there will still remain to the credit of the fund two United States' 5-20 registered bonds, of one thousand dollars each, the interest accruing upon which will be ample to keep in good order all that may appertain to the Monument, as well as to make such improvements in that connection as circumstances may, from time to time, suggest.

Fraternally,

JOSHUA VANSANT,

SEPTEMBER 17, 1866. *Grand Treasurer.*

The Chair announced the following as the Standing Committees:

Committee on the State of the Order.—Reps. BARRY, of Indiana; STUART, of District of Columbia; BURNHAM, of Maine; FARNSWORTH, of Tennessee; SIMPSON, of Pennsylvania.

Legislative Committee.—Reps. GAREY, of Maryland; FITZHUGH, of Virginia; GRISWOLD, of Illinois; STOKES, of Pennsylvania; KINGSBURY, of Maine.

Committee on Correspondence.—Reps. SMILEY, of Tennessee; MARVIN, of New York; HOKE, of North Carolina; STRATTON, of New Jersey; TOWER, of Louisiana.

Committee on Finance.—Reps. PAGE, of Wisconsin; SMITH, of Canada West; COLEMAN, of Tennessee; SCHIEFER, of Missouri; LANDERS, of Illinois.

Committee on Appeals.—Reps. LAMBERTON, of Pennsylvania; LOGAN, of Kansas; ESCAVAILLE, of Maryland; DONIPHAN, of Missouri; MCKINSTRY, of Alabama.

Committee on Constitutions.—Reps. WHITE, of New York; FOSTER, of Michigan; MAYES, of Mississippi; THOMPSON, of Missouri; DURHAM, of Kentucky.

Committee on Petitions.—Reps. BARBER, of Mississippi; DENNIS, of Michigan, SWANTON, of New York; THAYER, of South Carolina; MCDONALD, of Wisconsin.

Committee on Returns.—Reps. ROSS, of New Jersey; BARNARD, of Alabama; STEELE, of West Virginia; ARMINGTON, of Rhode Island; DOWDEN, of Kentucky.

Committee on Mileage and Per Diem.—Reps. SLATER, of Ohio; RANSOM, of Kentucky; LATHAM, of Virginia; BARNES, of Georgia; HAVENNER, of District of Columbia.

Committee on Grand Bodies not Represented.—Reps. FORD, of Massachusetts; MORSE, of Vermont; DAME, of Virginia; FOSS, of Illinois; DAMON, of Florida.

Committee on Printing.—Reps. MCLEAN, of District of Columbia; TOWNSEND, of Connecticut; DYE, of Minnesota; NORCROSS, of California; SHARP, of Delaware.

Rep. BURNHAM, of Maine, moved the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That fifteen hundred copies of the Reports of the M. W. Grand Sire and Grand Secretary be printed for the use of the members.

Rep. SIMPSON, of Pennsylvania, moved the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the secret Journal and Book of Diagrams be placed in the hands of the R. W. Deputy Grand Sire, and that officer is hereby requested to furnish every opportunity to properly accredited Representatives, and to no other, to acquaint themselves with the work, not only during the sittings, but under proper restrictions during the recesses of the present session.

Rep. FITZHUGH, of Virginia, moved the following resolution, which was adopted:

WHEREAS it has been satisfactorily represented to this Grand Body, by the R. W. Grand Lodge of Virginia, that the necessities of that jurisdiction require the benefit of the amendment of article 16, section 4, of the Constitution of this Grand Lodge, adopted at the session of 1865, and to be found on page 3848 of the Revised Journal; be it therefore

Resolved, That the said Grand Lodge of Virginia shall hereafter have the right to readmit to membership, within its jurisdiction, upon such terms as it may prescribe, suspended members of the Order residing in that jurisdiction who may have been suspended for non-payment of dues, and who have not been under suspension for less than three years; and also the right to admit members of defunct Lodges not able to get a card; it being distinctly understood that so soon as the necessity requiring it shall have passed away this privilege shall be yielded up by the jurisdiction receiving it.

Rep. MARVIN, of New York, moved the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the R. W. Grand Secretary be authorized to furnish each officer and member of this Grand Lodge, with ten printed copies of the Reports of its Grand Officers, and of the Daily Journal.

Rep. STUART, of District of Columbia, submitted a communication from the Grand Encampment of District of Columbia, accompanied with the following query, which, on his motion, was referred to the Committee on the State of the Order:

Can a disabled or sick member of an Encampment, who is not in good standing in his Lodge—that is, who is in arrears therein to an amount sufficient to debar him from visiting, and of course from drawing benefits from his Lodge—be considered as entitled to benefits from his Encampment, even though he be clear of the books and free from charges in his Encampment.

The hour fixed for recess, 12 o'clock, having arrived, the Chair declared the Lodge at recess for thirty minutes.

TWELVE AND A HALF O'CLOCK.

The Lodge re-assembled pursuant to the order for recess.

Rep SWANTON, of New York, presented the following petition of the Grand Lodge of New York, which, on his motion, was referred to the Legislative Committee:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

OFFICERS AND REPRESENTATIVES: The undersigned, officers of the Grand Lodge of the State of New York, in behalf, and in compliance with the action, of the said Grand Lodge, respectfully petition your R. W. Body to empower and authorize the elective Grand Officers of the Grand Lodge of the State of New York to confer the official honors upon the officers of such Lodges as were subordinate to the Grand Lodge of Southern New York, and who shall have served from July to October, 1866, in order that the terms in said State may be uniform, and in accordance with the Constitution recently adopted. Believing such action on your part will be conducive of the best interests of the Order in our united jurisdiction, your petitioners humbly pray, &c.

JOHN MEDOLE, *Grand Master*,
WM. GOULD, *Deputy Grand Master*,
D. W. C. LANGDON, *Grand Sec'y*,
JACOB RUSSELL, *Grand Treas'r.*

Rep. LOGAN, of Kansas, presented the petition of the Subordinate Encampments of Kansas, for a Grand Encampment in said State, which was referred to the Committee on Petitions.

The Chair presented a communication from the Grand Lodge of North Carolina, which was referred to the Committee on the State of the Order.

Rep. HOCHSTETLER, of Nebraska, presented the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska, which was referred to the Committee on Constitutions.

Rep. Ross, of New Jersey, presented the amended Constitution of the Grand Lodge of New Jersey, which was referred to the Committee on Constitutions.

Rep. HYLAND, of W. Virginia, presented the Constitution of the Grand Encampment of W. Virginia, which was referred to the Committee on Constitutions.

Rep. STEELE, of W. Virginia, presented the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of W. Virginia, which was referred to the Committee on Constitutions.

Rep. SWANTON, of New York, rose in his place and addressed the Lodge as follows, and submitted the resolutions accompanying :

MOST WORTHY GRAND SIRE: It is with no ordinary feelings that I rise to announce that since the last session of the Grand Lodge of the United States another of its members has passed the boundary which divides time from eternity, and to which you have referred so feelingly in your report. My colleague and beloved brother and friend, JOHN J. DAVIES, who has so ably represented the Grand Encampment of Southern New York on the floor of this Grand Lodge, since we met in council together has been suddenly summoned from the busy scenes of life and added to the countless cohorts of the dead.

Bro. DAVIES had reached a ripe maturity when he united himself with the Independent Order of Odd-Fellows; but from his initiation to the time of his lamented decease, more than a quarter of a century, he devoted himself to the interest of the Order with a zeal, industry and intelligence which can only be properly appreciated by his fellow-laborers in the circle of his own jurisdiction.

Initiated in Columbia Lodge No. 1, in the city of New York, he served it as an officer for more than twenty years consecutively, the main part of which time he was also serving the Order in most important positions in the Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment of New York; in all of which he won golden opinions from those associated with him for the ability and integrity with which his duties were discharged, while he gained their friendship and esteem by the private virtues displayed in their social intercourse.

In 1848 our departed brother was chosen to represent New York in this Grand Lodge, This was at a period of wild excitement in the history of the Order in that State. A controversy, which at one time appeared to threaten its very existence there, had culminated in an open rupture between the brethren of two sections, and two Bodies were in existence, each claiming to be the Grand Lodge of New York, and to be represented here in the supreme councils of the Order.

There are now Representatives on this floor who remember well the energy and ability with which our deceased brother advocated the claims to recognition of the section which he represented, and his zealous opposition to the compromise which finally legalized the anomaly in the policy of the Order, that of the erection of two Grand Lodges within the boundaries of a single State.

His first labors were at a dark period in the history of Odd-Fellowship in New York, when strife and dissention had usurped the place of brotherly love, and its future prospects were shrouded in uncertainty and gloom. He faithfully advocated the cause which he believed to be founded on justice and right, and then, as at all other times, conscientiously discharged to the best of his ability what he deemed his duty.

But it is pleasanter to leave the bitter waters of strife, and contemplate the last labor of our deceased brother.

Years had softened asperities, reconciled differences, and taught the brotherhood of both sections of our State that in renewed union they must seek renewed prosperity. Bro. DAVIES originated the first movement in his Grand Lodge towards reunion in the State, and, as chairman of the committee appointed in 1865, met the corresponding committee of Northern New York in a spirit of conciliation and compromise that swept away all impediments, and eventuated in bringing once more within one bond of union those who ought never to have been separated.

Our brother did not live to see this grand design consummated, though he had been the laborer, in so important a degree, of proparing the way, but it is a source of no common gratification to his surviving associates that the crowning efforts of his well-spent life were put forth to restore harmony and union among the Odd-Fellows of the Empire State. Bro. DAVIES was Grand Master of Southern New York at the time of his decease.

It is no part of my purpose to dwell upon the value of the services of Bro. DAVIES in his own jurisdiction. The Grand Lodge and the Grand Encampment of New York, and the Subordinate Bodies to which he belonged, have spread upon their records glowing tributes of their appreciation of his merits, and of deep regret at the irreparable loss sustained by his decease. Nor shall I allude to his private life, further than to say that it was in perfect consonance with his public one; a devoted husband and father, he had the happy faculty of throwing off all perplexities and cares when within his family circle, and only those who had the pleasure of familiar social intercourse with him can realize the beauty of his domestic character, or sympathize in full with the loss of his family and friends.

Our brother has been taken from us; we shall see him no more here below. He rests in holy earth with those who went before.

> "For such is human life — so gliding on
> It glimmers like a meteor — and is gone."

But we will cherish the memory of his good deeds, striving to emulate his bright example, sorrowing not as those who have no hope, but trusting for a blissful reunion with beatified spirits in that pure unclouded clime where there is neither grief, nor death, nor time, nor loss of friends.

> "Let those deplore their doom,
> Whose hope still grovels in the dark sojourn;
> But lofty souls, who look beyond the tomb,
> Can smile at Fate, and wonder why they mourn."

As a testimony of respect to our deceased brother, I offer the following resolutions:

Resolved, That in the decease of Representative DAVIES, of Southern New York, the Grand Lodge of the United States have lost an active, efficient and valuable member, and the individual Representatives therein feel that they have parted from one who had become more endeared to them as each succeeding session developed more freely his stirling worth and marked ability.

Resolved, That the members of the Grand Lodge of the United States deeply sympathize with the Order in the State of New York, and with the relict and family of the deceased brother, in the irreparable loss they have sustained.

Resolved, That a copy of these proceedings be forwarded to the Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment of the State of New York, and to the family of the deceased.

On motion of Rep. DOWDEN, of Kentucky, the resolutions were unanimously adopted, the Grand Lodge rising and remaining standing for one minute.

Rep. WEEKS, of New Hampshire, rose in his place and addressed the Lodge as follows:

MOST WORTHY GRAND SIRE: It is my sad duty to announce to you the death of Grand Representative DANIEL PULSIFER, of New Hampshire. He was elected to represent the Grand Encampment of his native State in this Right Worthy Body, for two years, from August, 1865. He died Tuesday, the fourth of the present month, aged thirty-eight years.

As a man and citizen, he was upright, and above reproach; as a husband and father, he was loving and indulgent; and as a friend and brother of our *Order*, he was true always, and generous to the utmost extent of his means. His term of office as a member of this Body, was but half expired when he was summoned to that grand eternal Lodge of the spirit where we trust no sorrowing eye ever beholds the vacant seat of a departed brother. Peace be to his generous soul! And as his virtues were many and his life noble, so will his memory long be enshrined in the hearts of those that knew him

Rep. SLATER, of Ohio, moved the following resolution:

Resolved, That the election of Grand Officers be fixed for the hour of eleven o'clock to-morrow.

Rep. LEECH, of Iowa, moved to amend the resolution by striking out "eleven o'clock," and inserting "one o'clock."

Rep. HAVENNER, of District of Columbia, moved further to amend by striking out "eleven o'clock," and inserting "ten o'clock."

The question being on the amendment proposed by Rep. LEECH, of Iowa, to strike out "eleven o'clock," and insert "one o'clock," it was not agreed to.

The question now being on the amendment of Rep. HAVENNER, of District of Columbia, to strike out "eleven o'clock," and insert "ten o'clock," it was agreed to.

And the resolution, as amended, was agreed to.

Rep. STUART, of District of Columbia, from the Special Committee on this subject, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The undersigned, to whom was referred the following resolution, to wit: "That the question of non-beneficial membership, for members suspended for non-payment of dues and who cannot now be received into the Order,

under the present laws, by reason of advanced age or bodily infirmity, be referred to a committee of five, to act during the recess of this Body, with power to report, at its next session, such legislation as may meet the growing wants of the Order with reference to that question," have carefully considered the same, and respectfully report that, in their opinion, to admit persons who have forfeited their membership by non-payment of dues only, and who are unable, by reason of bodily infirmity or advanced age, or, perhaps, in some cases, from pecuniary embarrassments, to regain membership in their respective Lodges under the present laws, would be, in many instances, a decided advantage to the Order; while their presence could, in no way, injuriously effect the interests of the institution.

It has been asserted that to admit persons under such circumstances would be "inconsistent with the nature and true interests of the Order;" that it would be "a wide divergence from the theory and fundamental principles of the institution." And, further, that it would "be unwise to create distinctions amongst the members of the fraternity."

In the opinion of the undersigned these objections, if they really are objections, should have no weight at this time. It is admitted that, according to the construction put upon our laws, it would be an infringement thereof, but we say not "contrary to any leading principle of our Order," to allow any one to participate in the business of a Lodge who is not a regular contributing member. In the early history of the Order it was, no doubt, necessary that every man who occupied a seat within our sanctuary should be an active, prompt-paying member—and this was reciprocal, for such an individual, then as now, when sick or disabled, was entitled to, could demand, and received the weekly benefits allowed by his Lodge. But Odd-Fellowship is progressive in its character; what was considered impolitic years ago has since been regarded as highly necessary to the interests and advancement of the Order. The truth of this assertion is attested on nearly every page of the history of the institution.

It is not proposed to admit persons to membership without the payment of the usual fees, and thus establish an odious system of honorary membership, which proposition has been so repeatedly rejected, and which, it is admitted, would be inconsistent with the theory and subversive of the interests of Odd-Fellowship—so far, at least, as the beneficial feature, referring to substantial aid, is concerned. Nor is it proposed to reinstate members who have been suspended for non-payment of dues, indiscriminately, and to place them upon the same footing as the regular contributing members of the Lodge; but it is proposed to authorize State Grand Bodies to permit their Subordinates to admit, through the ballot box, worthy applicants, who have been suspended for non-payment of dues, and who, from old age or bodily infirmity, cannot be reinstated, under our existing laws. It is further proposed to receive from such persons an entrance fee, if they are able to pay it, and such weekly contributions as their circumstances might warrant. This discretionary power is suggested in view of the fact that there are many who, being able, would prefer to contribute to the funds of the Lodge, while others, no less worthy, and full as anxious to be united again with the Order, could not afford to pay, even a small amount, regularly. Persons thus admitted, paying little or nothing, would not be entitled to any benefits, nor would they expect any.

The objection that the adoption of such a law, or the granting of such a privilege, would create distinctions among the members, would be a grave one, if there were no distinctions in the Order. But the undersigned asks, is there not a distinction between the initiate, who, in most jurisdictions, gets no benefits, while he is compelled to pay his weekly dues, and a member of the scarlet degree, paying the same amount of weekly dues, who is entitled to and receives full benefits? These brothers—the initiate and scarlet members—enjoy the same privilege of speaking and voting, and no question

has arisen as to distinctions. Odd-Fellowship, in its organization, is as perfect a system of forms and distinctions as any institution, military, religious or civil, in the world. We never think of addressing, indeed, we dare not address the O. S. G. of a Lodge, with or by any other title than that of Worthy O. S. G., while with profound respect we approach *our most Noble Grand;* and we speak of the H. P. as most excellent. It is only necessary to look at our regalia to determine the distinctions in the Order. The difference between a P. G. and a scarlet member is as well understood by the uninitiated as it is by our own members. And is there any question about distinctions?

Persons admitted under the rule proposed should not be entitled to vote on any question, but they should have the privilege of speaking and assisting in the business of the Lodge.

It is urged that the passage of a law, such as is contemplated, would *seem* to destroy that equality so essential to harmony. *Impossible!* The equality essential to harmony in a Lodge is of a higher order than that which refers to privileges, honors, grades, or distinctions. It is the equality which the practice of Friendship, Love, Truth, Honor, Probity, Temperance and Chastity bestows. The individual who would excel in these must be found wearing the robe of charity, and such an one would be entitled to distinction.

Persons thus admitted would not be put in possession of any of the secrets of Odd-Fellowship, if there be any, not already acquired, nor would it be necessary to impose upon them any additional obligations as a protection to the Order. By admitting such persons the institution could suffer no harm. Odd-Fellowship could lose nothing, while, it must be conceded that our members would be increased, our influence would be enlarged, and our real character would be better understood and appreciated by the uninitiated.

The undersigned ask their brethren to pause and consider, whether it would be "unwise" and "contrary to any leading principle of our Order," or a "wide divergence from the theory of the institution," to enlarge the sphere of its influence? Has, they ask, Odd-Fellowship no other object than to contribute to the temporal wants of its members? Do we not endeavor to impress upon the mind of an initiate, before he has been permitted to take his seat in the Lodge, that we meet for mutual counsel? And is it not one great aim of Odd-Fellowship to elevate the human character? Do we not tell every one who crosses our threshold that if he has become initiated into the institution from the influence of a too common error — that Odd-Fellowship is a mere beneficial society, having for its single purpose the relief of its members in the struggles incident to human life, he must be at once undeceived. Yes, we do, and we say and do a great many more things, going to prove that our great aim, as an institution, is to lead man to the cultivation of the true fraternal relation designed by the Great Author of his being.

The rule and practice of the Order which, so far as the benefits and privileges are concerned, severs the connection of a person from the institution who is indebted to his Lodge to a certain amount, is, to some extent, a very good one — and to that extent should be strictly adhered to and carried out. One of the objects of the Order is to afford relief — mutual relief — and, to carry out that idea, each individual, to become and continue a recipient of benefits, must contribute his proportion of the means by which the object is attained. But probably, from prudential motives, we have carried the idea of exclusion further than there was any real necessity for. By our laws, when a person is suspended for non-payment of dues, the doors of a Lodge are closed against him; he is shut out; and if we do not regard him as entirely severed at once, it is not long before his name is dropped from the roll of his Lodge, and he is no longer counted as part and parcel of the fra-

ternity—and he stands, with the world, as if he had never been connected with the Order. This rule, if it only cut off the unworthy, would serve a great end, by purifying the Order; but, unfortunately, in its operation, the worthy are confounded with the unworthy, and thousands of good men, whose only crime is poverty, are yearly thrust out of the Order.

Odd-Fellowship suffers, because the facts in regard to its numerical strength are never given to the world. Instead of representing that our membership consists of millions, we are content with the announcement that we have, on our rolls, at most, some two hundred thousand.

The Masonic Order, with which the undersigned disclaim any intention of creating or establishing a rivalry, pursues a somewhat different course. Once a Mason always a Mason, unless for good and sufficient reasons—not poverty—an individual is permanently and effectually cut off, and thus their nominal strength, though thousands may, from inactivity, be dropped from the Lodge rolls—increases year after year, in proportion to the number taken into the Order, while our nominal strength, in consequence of suspensions for non-payment of dues—although we initiate a great many more yearly than they do—compared with theirs, is anything but flattering to Odd-Fellowship. Be this as it may, justice to the institution demands that a more accurate and truthful representation of its real character, of the vast field it occupies, and of the worthy laborers it has employed—whether contributing members or not, so long as they are worthy, should be given to the world.

The Lodges suffer, because, in many instances, they are deprived of the ripened experience and valuable counsel of some of their most esteemed members, whose misfortunes have been the means of severing their connection with the Order.

It cannot be denied that, at this time, some of the brightest lights of Odd-Fellowship are hidden—some of the warmest advocates of the Order, and many of the purest men in the land, in consequence of suspension for non-payment of dues, and from the stringency of our laws, are prevented from participating with us in this great work of human benefaction.

Individuals suffer. It can hardly be presumed that every man who enters within our circle has in view only the pecuniary benefits which Odd-Fellowship offers—such a presumption would be monstrous, it would be a scandal on our race, a vile unwarranted charge, the mere intimation of which, as true Odd-Fellows, we should spurn with contempt. Other and more noble sentiments operate upon the minds of a large portion of the men who seek to affiliate with us.

It is well known that Odd-Fellowship offers to the intelligent mind the richest food—it opens to the humane and benevolent man the widest field for the practice of those virtues which refreshes and heals every drooping plant within their hallowed influence—that it teaches its members to feel for others' woes, to look with pity upon the imperfections of man, and to encourage the wayward and thoughtless, by precept and example, to walk uprightly in that road which leads to peace and happiness. It wars against vice in all its forms, and inculcates upon the minds of its initiates the great principle of universal love, of firm undeviating friendship, and everlasting truth. By mutual counsel and united effort its members are enabled to assist one another in all the varied pursuits, struggles, and conditions of life. Man, in his natural state, is a selfish creature, but in proportion as he becomes enlightened, so does his desire to do good to his fellowman increase, and as the golden opportunities which a connection with Odd-Fellowship affords for doing good, either by advice, example or otherwise, are increased, so does he who avails himself of such opportunities partake of those heavenly emotions which are only experienced by the truly virtuous. It will not be denied that acts of disinterested kindness are of daily occurrence in our Order, and who will say that, when bestowed, they do not afford unspeakable pleasure alike to him that gives as well as to him that receives.

These, and many other advantages growing out of the social element in Odd-Fellowship, which it is to be regreted is not perfectly understood and appreciated by a large portion of the Order, are what are lost to the unfortunate individual who has failed to pay his dues—and for such the undersigned bespeak the friendly intervention of the brethren of the Grand Lodge.

If Odd-Fellowship is what we represent it to be—if we have not deceived ourselves, and in so doing deceived the world, as to its real mission, then it must be conceded that its success does not depend on a mere dollar and cent equality—that distinction is not graduated according to means—and that to be able to contribute to the moral, intellectual, and social fund, which we profess to have in store for those who unite with us, it is only necessary for the man, whoever he may be, whatever his circumstances and condition, to possess a pure heart, a generous, philanthropic disposition, and to walk uprightly before men and the fear of God.

In the opinion of the undersigned the reputation of the fraternity, for consistency at least, depends upon the action of the Grand Lodge in deciding this question. The construction to be put upon the articles of our creed, the tenets of our Order, and the fact, which is to go out to the world, as to whether we mean what we say, and say what we mean, will stand for all time, in the estimation of intelligent thinking men, in and out of the Order, as an evidence of the character for truthfulness and sincerity of the vast brotherhood, of which we are but humble representatives, and of the immutability or perishable nature of those great principles upon which Odd-Fellowship is founded, and of which we are the ackowledged exponents.

Much more can be said in favor of this proposition, but the undersigned will conclude by asking their brethren, in all sincerity, wherein would distions in membership be created, and how could that equality so essential to harmony be destroyed by the admission into our Lodges, as counsellors and co-workers, *only* of old and experienced members, many of whom had, in the early history of the Order, worked faithfully to promote its interests—who had toiled dilligently for Odd-Fellowship—who had suffered much, and sacrificed not a little, to advance the great cause of humanity in which we are engaged—to elevate the glorious standard of our institution—and to whose exertions are due, in a great measure, the high position to which the Order has attained.

We, therefore, submit the following as, in our opinion, appropriate and constitutional legislation for the cure of the evil complained of:

WHEREAS it has occurred that vast numbers of our members, from various causes, have been suspended from their Lodges and Encampments for non-payment of dues; and whereas it is sadly true that very many of such suspended brothers have attained such an advanced age, or are in such feeble health, as to render it impossible for them to obtain beneficial membership in the Order in many of the jurisdictions under the law as at present administered; therefore

Resolved, That the several jurisdictions subordinate to this Grand Lodge are hereby authorized and recommended to provide such suitable legislation as may be requisite to enable working Lodges and Encampments to receive as non-beneficial members such members as may have been suspended for non-payment of dues, and for no other cause.

Resolved, That the above provision shall not embrace any brother under the age of forty-five years. Very respectfully,

FRED. D. STUART,
HENRY F. GAREY,
J. S. McFARLAND.

Rep. MCLEAN, of District of Columbia, presented the amended Constitution of the Grand Lodge of District of Columbia, which was referred to the Committee on Constitutions.

On motion of Rep. SLATER, of Ohio, the Lodge agreed to take up for consideration the resolution of Rep. ELLIS, of Maryland, and the amendment of Rep. BARRY, thereto, page 3853 of the Journal.

The resolution being under consideration, on motion of Rep. SLATER, of Ohio, the subject was referred to the Legislative Committee, with instructions to inquire into the expediency of amending said resolution so as to require a ballot vote of a majority of the members present, necessary to elect to membership an applicant on card.

Rep. LAMBERTON, of Pennsylvania, moved the following preamble and resolution, which were referred, as therein suggested, to a special committe of five:

WHEREAS the duty pre-eminently rests upon the Supreme Legislature of the Order to devise and use all proper means to disseminate the pure and beneficent teachings of Odd-Fellowship, and so to extend its usefulness by enlarging the sphere of its operations; and whereas this end might be measurably promoted by the publication of a standard tract, embodying, in a succint form, the principles and purposes of our Order, to be placed in the hands of persons well disposed, and eligble to membership; therefore

Resolved, That this subject be referred to a special committee of five members of this Grand Lodge, to inquire into the propriety of having such a tract as that mentioned in the foregoing preamble prepared and published; and if such publication be deemed advisable, to report how, and under what restrictions, it should be circulated.

Rep. RANSOM, of Kentucky, moved the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That a special committee of three be appointed to revise the present form of funeral processions.

Rep. DURHAM, of Kentucky, presented the following resolution of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, which, on his motion, was referred to the Legislative Committee:

Resolved, In the opinion of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, the degree of Rebekah should be abolished.

Rep. LEECH, of Iowa, from the Committee on Credentials, made the following report, which was adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Credentials respectfully report that they have examined the credentials of P. G. and P. C. P. THOMAS M. JOSEPH, Representative elect from the Grand Encampment of Texas, and find the same correct and in due form.

ERIE J. LEECH,
O. UTLEY,
E. C. GRANNISS,
J. L. THOMPSON,
GEO. J. MILLER.

Rep. ALLEN, of California, presented the petition of the Subordinate Lodges of Nevada for a Grand Lodge, which was referred to the Committee on Petitions.

Rep. McLEAN, of District of Columbia, submitted the following proceeding of the Grand Lodge of District of Columbia, which was referred to the Legislative Committee:

WHEREAS, this R. W. Grand Body has heard with regret that the proposition is pending in the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, having in view the abolishment of the Degree of Rebakah, and believing the Degree to be a pleasant addition to our present work, and also being of opinion that it is capable of being made a useful adjunct to the operation of the Lodges, in visiting the sick, relieving the distressed, and educating and caring for the widow and orphan.

Resolved, That our Representatives in the Grand Lodge of the United States be requested to vote against the proposed change, and to use their best efforts in having the Degree made more practical in its operations.

Rep. PAGE, of Wisconsin, from the Committee on Finance, made the following report:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee of Finance, to whom was referred the report of the R. W. Grand Treasurer, in relation to the Wildey Monument Fund, have considered so much of said report as refers to the two thousand dollars of the U. S. Bonds, now standing to the credit of the Wildey Monument Fund, and respectfully reommend the adoption of the following resolution in that connection:

Resolved, That the Grand Treasurer be and he is hereby authorized to place to the credit of the R. W. Grand Lodge two U. S. Bonds of one thousand dollars each, now standing to the credit of the Wildey Monument Fund, and to place to the credit of said fund in exchange therefor, out of the monies of the Grand Lodge, the present or current value of the bonds aforesaid.

H. L. PAGE,
JAMES SMITH,
J. F. SCHIEFER,
R. D. LANDERS.

On motion of Rep. ESCAVAILLE, of Maryland, the rule was suspended, and the report was considered and adopted.

Rep. NORCROSS, of California, submitted the following query, which was referred, on his motion, to the Committee on the State of the Order:

Has a Subordinate Encampment the right to appropriate its fund to defray the necessary expenses of celebrating, with appropriate ceremonies, the 26th day of April, the anniversary of the introduction of Odd-Fellowship in America?

Rep. SWANTON, of New York, submitted the following preamble and resolutions, which were referred to the Legislative Committee:

WHEREAS a very large proportion of the Past Noble Grands, made each year in such jurisdictions as hold annual sessions only, are deprived of the privilege of receiving the Grand Lodge degree, (the only incentive and reward for service in Subordinate Lodges;) and whereas the seat of government of the Grand Lodge is usually so far distant from Lodges located in the numerous county towns, scattered over a State, that most of the past officers have neither the time nor means to invest in an attendance upon the Grand Lodge to receive the degree; and whereas, the Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment degrees, under existing law, can only be conferred during the session of such bodies respectively, and in the room in which such Grand Bodies are assembled, or, by special permission, in some room contigous: therefore

Resolved, That the Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, or Grand Warden of a State Grand Lodge, be and hereby are permitted to confer, in person, the Grand Lodge degree upon such members of their jurisdiction as are entitled to receive it, on producing a duly authenticated certificate for the same, at such time and place during the recess of the Grand Lodge as they may elect; such officer endorsing the certificate and forwarding it to the Grand Secretary.

Resolved, That a like permission, in relation to the Encampment branch, be given to the Grand Patriarch and Grand High Priest of a State Grand Encampment, the same requirements being observed.

Rep. LAMBERTON, of Pennsylvania, moved the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the reasons given by the Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary, on page 3882 of his report, for his omission to comply with the resolution of G. Rep. STOKES, of Pennsylvania, at the last session of this Grand Lodge, relative to printing the debate had upon the report of the Committee on Finance and the proceedings on the occasion of the dedication of the Wildey Monument, are entirely satisfactory, and that the manuscripts and material relating to said debate and proceedings, now in his possession, be filed in the archives of the Grand Lodge, and the order for their printing be dispensed with.

Rep. BABCOCK, of Ohio, moved the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the per diem for the session be five dollars, and the mileage be five cents per mile, and that the same be computed by the nearest mail route, unles it may appear to the Committee on Mileage and Per Diem that there is a nearer travelled route, in which case the travelled route shall have precedence.

Rep. HOOK, of Indiana, presented the following action of the Grand Encampment of Indiana, which, on his motion, was referred to the Legislative Committee:

"*Resolved*, That the Representatives to the Grand Lodge United States be instructed to vote against the report of the Special Committee, now pending in that Body, recommending the abolishing the Degree of Rebekah."

Rep. BARRY, of Indiana, presented the following preamble and resolution, adopted by the Grand Lodge of Indiana:

WHEREAS a necessity exists in this jurisdiction for the readmission into our Lodges of the suspended members residing in the State who have been suspended for non-payment of dues by Lodges in other States, and also to admit members of defunct Lodges of other States who are not able to get cards: therefore,

Resolved, That our R. W. Grand Representatives be and they are hereby instructed to respectfully ask of the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, for the reasons in the above preamble set forth, the passage of a resolution granting to the jurisdiction of Indiana the right to readmit to membership, within such jurisdiction, upon such terms as may be right, suspended members residing within said jurisdiction who may have been suspended for non-payment of dues, and who have not been under suspension for less than three years; and also the right to admit members of defunct Lodges not able to get cards.

Which being read, Rep. BARRY, of Indiana, moved that the privilege asked by the Grand Lodge of Indiana, be granted.

Rep. FOSTER, of Michigan, moved to refer the subject to the Committee on Petitions.

The queston being on the motion to refer, it was not agreed to.

The question recurring on the resolution of Rep. BARRY, of Indiana, to grant the privilege asked for by the Grand Lodge of Indiana, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Rep. FRENCH, of Indiana, presented the following action of the Grand Lodge of Indiana, which, on his motion, was referred to the Legislative Committee:

Resolved, That our Representatives to the Grand Lodge United States be instructed to vote against all reports of committees or motions in the Grand Lodge United States, having for their object the abolishing of the Degree of Rebekah, and to use their utmost endeavors to make said degree more useful and attractive.

Rep. THOMPSON, of Missouri, presented the following proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Missouri:

WHEREAS, at the session of the Grand Lodge of the United States of September last, the Constitution of that Body was amended as follows: "That when it shall be satisfactorily represented to the Grand Lodge of the United States that the necessities of a State, District, or Territorial Grand Jurisdiction require it, a resolution may be passed by a vote of three-fourths of the Representatives present at any meeting, granting to the particular State, District, or Territorial Grand Jurisdiction applying therefor the right to readmit to membership within its jurisdiction, upon such terms as it may prescribe, suspended members of the Order residing in the same who may have been suspended for non-payment of dues, and who have not been under suspension for less than three years, and also the right to admit members of defunct Lodges not able to get a card—it being distinctly understood that so soon as the necessity requiring it shall have passed away, this privilege shall be yielded up by the jurisdiction receiving it."

AND WHEREAS, owing to the fact that Missouri is a border State and was disastrously affected by the former unsettled condition of the country, and is now being rapidly filled by emigration from all sections, and many Odd-Fellows in this jurisdiction are without the proper evidence of their good standing, having become suspended for the non-payment of dues, and are desirous of again affiliating with the Order; therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Grand Lodge of the United States be and it is hereby respectfully requested to extend to this jurisdiction the privileges and benefits of the above constitutional provisions.

On motion of Rep. THOMPSON, of Missouri, the privilege asked for was granted.

Rep. DONIPHAN, of Missouri, moved the following resolution, which, on his motion, was referred to the Legislative Committee:

Resolved, That each Grand Body of this jurisdiction shall be authorized and empowered to legislate upon and define what shall constitute "satisfactory evidence of former connection with the Order," to govern and regulate the admission of members in the Order within their jurisdictions.

Rep. DOE, of New Hampshire, presented the following proceeding of the Grand Lodge of New Hampshire, which, on his motion, was referred to the Legislative Committee:

Resolved, That our Representatives to the Grand Lodge of the United States, be instructed to vote against all propositions having for their objects the abolishment of the Degree of Rebekah, and to use their utmost efforts to have the degree improved.

Rep. DENNIS, of Michigan, presented the amended Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Michigan, which was referred to the Committee on Constitutions.

Rep. FOSTER, of Michigan, presented the following proceeding of the Grand Lodge of Michigan, when, on his motion, the privilege asked for by the Grand Lodge of Michigan was granted:

WHEREAS the following amendment to the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of the United States was adopted at the recent session in Baltimore, viz:

That when it shall be satisfactorily represented to the Grand Lodge of the United States that the necessities of a State, District, or Territorial Grand Jurisdiction require it, a resolution may be passed by a vote of three-fourths of the Representatives present at any meeting, granting to the particular State, District, or Territorial Grand Jurisdiction applying therefor, the right to readmit to membership within its jurisdiction, upon such terms as it may prescribe, suspended members of the Order residing in the same who may have been suspended for non-payment of dues, and who have not been under suspension for less than three years, and also the right to admit members of defunct Lodges not able to get a card—it being distinctly understood that so soon as the necessity requiring it shall have passed away, this privilege shall be yielded up by the jurisdiction receiving it.

AND WHEREAS, there resides in this jurisdiction many true Odd-Fellows, who, from a variety of reasons, cannot obtain the proper evidence of good

standing in the Order required by our laws—men who are Odd-Fellows in spirit and truth, and whose readmission to the Order would be for the best good of our noble Order in this jurisdiction; therefore

Resolved, That our Representatives to the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States be instructed to apply to that R. W. Body for the extension of the above constitutional provision to the jurisdiction of Michigan, at the next session of that R. W. Grand Lodge.

Rep. BARRON, of Wisconsin, moved the following resolution, (the application of the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin, asking the privilege accompanying the resolution,) which was adopted:

Resolved, That, the necessities of the case requiring it, the privileges occurring under section 4, of article 16, of the Constitution, as amended at the last session, are hereby extended to the jurisdiction of the State of Wisconsin.

Rep. LEECH, of Iowa, moved the following resolution, (the application of the Grand Lodge of Iowa, for the privilege referred to, accompanying,) which was adopted:

Resolved, That the permission asked for in the action of the Grand Lodge of Iowa, in relation to the readmission of suspended members, for non-payment of dues, be granted by this R. W. Grand Lodge.

Rep. LEECH, of Iowa, presented the following proceeding of the Grand Lodge of Iowa, which, on his motion, was referred to the Committee on Petitions:

Resolved, That our R. W. Grand Representatives be instructed by the Grand Lodge to ask permission of the Grand Lodge of the United States, at its next session, to change the chartered location of the Grand Lodge of Iowa, to such place as the Grand Lodge, at its next session, may select.

Rep. LOGAN, of Kansas, presented the following proceeding of the Grand Lodge of Kansas:

WHEREAS the Grand Lodge of the United States, at its recent session, adopted an amendment to its Constitution whereby the privilege is accorded to the State of Kansas to readmit to membership, under certain conditions, persons suspended in other States for non-payment of dues:

AND WHEREAS, there is a large number of such persons in this State, who have been suspended through no fault of their own, and who, through the generous operations of this law, can now be made valuable and useful members of the Order, therefore

Resolved, That, duly sensible of the motives which prompted this action upon the part of the Grand Lodge of the United States, the Grand Lodge of Kansas returns its sincere thanks to that R. W. Body for its kindly consideration.

Resolved, That the Grand Representative be requested to present these resolutions to the Grand Lodge of the United State, at its next session.

The Chair announced the appointment of the following Special Committees:

Special Committee under the resolution of Rep. Lamberton, on Standard Tracts.—Reps. LAMBERTON, of Pennsylvania; HYLAND, of West Virginia; CARTER, of Ohio; MARTIN, of South Carolina; GILMAN, of California.

Special Committee on Funeral Ceremony, under the Resolution of Rep. Ransom, of Kentucky.—Reps. RANSOM, of Kentucky; DEITZ, of Georgia; HAM, of Rhode Island.

Rep BARRY, of Indiana, from the Special Committee on that subject, made the following report, which was adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Special Committee to whom was referred the Reports of the Grand Sire and Grand Secretary, for the purpose of apportioning the several subjects in said reports to appropriate committees, submit the following:

That so much of the report of the Grand Sire as recommends the adoption of some effective plan by which aid may be extended to, and the welfare of the Order in the South be promoted; so much as suggests the adoption of a law requiring Subordinates under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge to submit thereto acts of incorporation for its approval, before the acceptance thereof by said Subordinates; so much as recommends additional legislation to suppress societies of the Degree of Rebekah which work in that degree and all other references to alleged illegalities in the work of that degree; also, so much as relates to extending the privilege of readmitting non-affiliating or suspended members from other jurisdictions, residing within their bounds, to Subordinates under this jurisdiction; so much as relates to the adoption of a uniform law prohibiting expulsions for non-payment of dues; so much as relates to the extension of the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Canada West over the province of Canada East, be referred to the Legislative Committee.

That so much as relates to warrants granted in the recess be referred to the Committee on Petitions.

That so much as relates to decisions made in the interval of the sessions; so much as relates to the appointment of a Special Commissioner for the Lower Provinces and Canada East, be referred to the Committee on the State of the Order.

That so much of the Report of the Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary as relates to the correspondence with the widow of P. G. Sire BOYLSTON, and the recommendation that the duplicate copy of his portrait in the hands of the artist be presented to his widow, be referred to a special committee.

That so much as suggests that the bust of P. G. Sire WILDEY be placed upon an appropriate pedestal in the Lodge room, be referred to a special committee.

That all other correspondence be referred to the Committee on Correspondence.

That so much as commends the improvement of the Form of Returns of Grand Bodies, as submitted by Grand Scribe HUBBELL, of Ohio, be referred to the Committee on Returns.

That so much as relates to Finance be referred to the Committee on Finance.

E. H. BARRY,
HENRY E. PERKINS,
RICHARD BRAGG.

Rep. SMILEY, of Tennessee, moved the following resolution:

Resolved by the Grand Lodge of the United States, That there be granted to the Jurisdiction of the State of Tennessee the right to readmit to membership, within such jurisdiction, upon such terms as may be right, proper, and

just, suspended members residing within said jurisdiction who have been suspended for non-payment of dues, and also the right to admit members of defunct Lodges not able to procure cards.

Rep. McKinstry, of Alabama, moved to amend the resolution by adding "Alabama."

Pending the consideration of the amendment, the hour of 3½ o'clock having arrived, the Chair declared the Lodge adjourned until to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock, pursuant to the order adopted to that effect.

Tuesday, September 18, 1866—9 o'clock A. M.

The R. W. Grand Lodge assembled pursuant to adjournment. Present:

ISAAC M. VEITCH.....M. W. Grand Sire.
JAMES P. SANDERS.....R. W. Deputy Grand Sire.
JAMES L. RIDGELY.....R. W. Grand Cor. and Rec. Secretary.
JOSHUA VANSANT.....R. W. Grand Treasurer.
Rev. I. D. WILLIAMSON.....R. W. Grand Chaplain.
JOSEPH KIDDER.....R. W. Grand Marshal.
AUGUSTUS PFAFF.....R. W. Grand Guardian.
JOHN E. CHAMBERLAIN.....R. W. Grand Messenger.

And a representation from a quorum of Grand Bodies.

Prayer by Rev. Bro. I. D. Williamson, R. W. Grand Chaplain.

The R. W. Deputy Grand Sire, having examined the Representatives, by order of the M. W. Grand Sire, declared the Lodge open for business.

The Grand Secretary presented the following communication, accompanied by a handsomely framed Photographic representation of all the officers and Representatives of the last session of the Grand Lodge of the United States:

Bro. James L. Ridgely, *G. C. and R. Secretary:*

I here send you, as a contribution to the ornamentation of the Grand Lodge room of the United States, the photograph likeness of all the Representatives of the session for 1865.

I beg the Lodge to accept the group as a free gift, and to assign it to some appropriate place. Fraternally yours,

Baltimore, September 17, 1866. P. L. PERKINS.

On motion of Rep. BARNES, of Georgia, the photograph was accepted and the thanks of the Grand Lodge was presented to the donor.

Rep. WHITE, of New York, from the Committee on Constitutions, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Constitutions have examined the amendments to the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Michigan, and find nothing in conflict with any law of this R. W. Grand Lodge, and therefore submit for adoption the following:

Resolved, That the amendments to the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Michigan, herewith submitted, be approved.

Respectfully submitted.

JNO. H. WHITE,
M. J. DURHAM,
R. B. MAYES,
F. M. FOSTER,
W. H. THOMPSON.

Rep. WHITE, of New York, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Constitutions recommend the approval of the amendments to the Constitution of Rocky Mountain Lodge, No. 3, Colorado, except the last, exempting Secretaries from the payment of dues, and append the following:

Resolved, That the amendments to the Constitution of Rocky Mountain Lodge, No. 3, of Colorado, be and the same are hereby approved, except the last, exempting Secretaries from the payment of Lodge dues, and that the said last amendment be not approved. Respectfully submitted.

JOHN. H. WHITE,
M. J. DURHAM,
R. B. MAYES,
F. M. FOSTER,
W. H. THOMPSON.

Rep. WHITE, of New York, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Constitutions having examined the amendments to the Constitution of the R. W. Grand Lodge of New Jersey, recommend that they be approved. We are also requested to report on the *proposed* amendments to the Constitution of said Grand Lodge, found on page 133 of its journal of proceedings for 1865, and we find, after examination, nothing therein to conflict with any law of this Grand Lodge. We therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the accompanying amendments to the Constitution of the R. W. Grand Lodge of New Jersey and the proposed amendments referred to be approved. Respectfully submitted.

JOHN H. WHITE,
M. J. DURHAM,
R. B. MAYES,
F. M. FOSTER,
W. H. THOMPSON.

Rep. WHITE, of New York, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

Your Committee on Constitutions, to whom was referred the amendments to the Constitution of the R. W. Grand Encampment of Ohio, have examined the same, and, believing that they are in conformity with the laws of this R. W. Grand Lodge, recommend that they be approved, and offer the following:

Resolved, That the accompanying amendments to the Constitution of the R. W. Grand Encampment of Ohio be and the same are hereby approved.

Respectfully submitted.

JOHN H. WHITE,
M. J. DURHAM,
R. B. MAYES,
F. M. FOSTER,
W. H. THOMPSON.

The Chair presented papers relating to the application for a Grand Lodge of Nevada, protesting against granting said charter, which were referred to the Committee on Petitions.

Also, a communication from Excelsior Lodge, No. 1, Sandwich Islands, which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

The R. W. Grand Treasurer submitted his Annual Report, which was read and referred to the Committee on Finance:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

I have the honor to submit my annual report for the year commencing on the 19th of September, 1865, and ending on the 18th of September, inclusive, 1866, exhibiting the present financial condition of the Grand Lodge, and the receipts and disbursements on its account for the period indicated.

GRAND TREASURER DR.

1865. Sept. 19.	To cash balance in the treasury at this date, as appears by the report of the Finance Committee on page 3831 of the Journal of 1865.....	$13,799	00
" Oct. 16.	To interest, six months, on $2000 U. S. bonds and premium on gold.....	86	70
1866. May 3.	To interest, six months, on $2000 U. S. bonds and premium on gold.....	76	50
	This sum received from Grand Secretary JAMES L. RIDGELY, from the 19th of September, 1865, to September 17th, inclusive, 1866.....	27,019	17
	Total.....	$40,981	37

GRAND TREASURER CR.

1865. Sept.	By this sum paid to Grand Officers and Grand Representatives, who were in attendance at the session of 1865, on account of mileage and per diem, as per vouchers herewith submitted, and in accordance with the report of committee on mileage and per diem, on pages 3856, 3857, 3858, 3859, of the Journal of 1865.....	$10,316	10

1865.	Sept.	21.	Paid T. A. Ross, for attendance at a committee meeting at Baltimore, May 12, 1865	22 40
"	"	"	P. G. Sire J. A. Nicholson, for do	35 60
"	"	"	J. F. Havenner, for do	8 00
"	"	22.	L. M. Campbell, expenses to Washington, on account of monument dedication	58 30
"	"	23.	Grand Marshal J. Kidder, travelling expenses	83 56
"	"	"	Grand Representative H. L. Page, for do	99 80
"	"	25.	Grand Messenger J. E. Chamberlain, for expenses incurred at Boston	23 00
"	"	"	Henry Eckel, services as Assistant Secretary	15 00
"	"	"	Capt. A. Holland, for music at the dedication of the Wildey Monument, on 20th September, 1865	110 00
"	"	26.	Isaac Miller, for erection of stand at the site of the Wildey Monument, on 20th September, 1865	38 00
"	"	"	J. S. Bridges, lettering cards for stand	19 50
"	"	"	J. Schweitzer, for services as extra Janitor	30 00
"	Oct.	5.	A. S. Abell & Co., advertising programme	9 25
"	"	"	O. Nestor, for services at dedication of Wildey Monument	10 00
"	"	"	A. Donnelly, for do	10 00
"	"	"	Grand Lodge of Maryland, for lumber for stand	32 00
"	"	6.	F. Raine, for advertising programme of procession	5 10
"	"	7.	Grand Messenger J. E. Chamberlain, office expenses	58 45
"	"	"	Baltimore Daily Gazette, for advertising programme of procession	7 20
"	"	"	Baltimore American	7 50
"	"	"	Grand Treasurer J. Vansant, for receipt and check stamps	3 10
"	"	"	J. Murphy & Co., for check book	90
"	"	11.	James Young, printing Grand Sire's and Grand Secretary's annual reports	294 78
"	"	14.	Baltimore Clipper, advertising programme of procession	7 00
"	"	20.	John Saylor, carpeting Grand Secretary's office	146 56
"	"	"	Baltimore Wecker, advertising programme of procession	8 00
"	"	23.	W. F. Hesse, repairs of stove for Grand Secretary's office	13 00
"	"	28.	John Y. Slater, on account of printing Daily Journal	250 00
"	Nov.	9.	Insurance of Grand Lodge furniture	11 05
"	"	15.	John Y. Slater, paper for revised Journal	1,176 00
"	"	18.	John Y. Slater, printing daily Journal, &c	77 14
"	"	24.	E. Sandys, on account printing cards	105 00
"	"	"	O. Herring, repairs of window blinds	6 00
"	"	"	A. Mathiot & Son, chairs for office of Grand Secretary	34 44
"	"	"	John Dobbin, coaches for monument dedication procession	35 00
"	"	31.	Grand Secretary James L. Ridgely, three months' services	375 00
"	"	"	Grand Messenger J. E. Chamberlain, for do	225 00
"	"	"	" " " " for office expenses, postage, &c	23 84
1866.	Jan.	11.	James Young, printing Charge Books, &c	367 00
"	"	22.	John Y. Slater, printing revised Journal	658 57
"	Feb.	6.	E. Sandys, printing cards	125 00

1866.	Mar.	5.	Grand Secretary James L. Ridgely, three months' services	375 00
"	"	"	Grand Messenger John E. Chamberlain, for do..	225 00
"	"	"	" " " " " express transportation, &c., &c.	95 14
"	"	6.	C. Sachse, translation Installation obligations....	25 00
"	April	9.	Samuel Oliver, portrait frame	27 00
"	"	"	D. A. Woodward, portrait of P. G. Sire Boylston.	75 00
"	"	10.	E. Sandys, printing cards	125 00
"	"	19.	James Young, printing and binding Digests, &c..	926 76
"	May	29.	E. Sandys, printing cards	243 00
"	June	1.	Grand Messenger J. E. Chamberlain, three months' services	225 00
"	"	"	Grand Messenger J. E. Chamberlain, postage, &c..	26 38
"	"	"	Grand Secretary James L. Ridgely, three months' services	375 00
"	July	3.	James Young, printing one hundred copies fifth volume, revised Journal	229 75
"	"	"	Paul & Lindsay, binding the same	85 00
"	"	20.	J. W. Orr, publishing proclamation of Grand Sire.	10 00
"	"	"	" three bound volumes of American Odd-Fellow	9 00
"	"	"	J. W. Orr, publishing proclamation of Grand Sire and circular of committee	10 00
"	"	"	John Murphy & Co., bank book of deposit	1 50
"	"	26.	E. Sandys, printing cards	105 00
"	Aug.	22.	Grand Lodge of Maryland, rent of Grand Secretary's office and light and fuel	275 00
"	"	"	C. Sachse, repairs of furniture	20 00
"	"	23.	Grand Treasurer J. Vansant, time draft and check stamps	2 28
"	"	27.	G. F. Lewis, printing diplomas	58 60
"	Sept.	1.	Grand Secretary James L. Ridgely, three months' services	375 00
"	"	"	Grand Messenger J. E. Chamberlain, for do	225 00
"	"	"	" " " " transportation, postage, &c.	42 26
"	"	7.	J. W. Bond & Co., stationery	268 90
"	"	14.	James Young, printing Charge Books, Odes, &c..	264 80
"	"	18.	Wildey Monument fund, for two U. S. 5-20 registered bonds, of $1,000 each, of the issue of 1862, tranferred to the credit of Grand Lodge, in accordance with the resolution of the Grand Lodge, adopted 17th September, 1866, at the current value of said bonds at this date, being 11 per cent. premium in currency	2,220 00
"	"	"	Josh. Vansant, Grand Treasurer, for twelve months services	200 00
				$22,086 51
			Cash Balance	18,894 86
				$40,981 37

From the foregoing statement it will be perceived that the revenue from the ordinary sources for the year just closed was $27,019.17. Including the interest received on the $2,000 U. S. bonds during the year, the aggregate receipts amount to $27,182.37, being an excess over the aggregate receipts of the preceding year of $7,724.64, and exceeding the receipts of that year from the usual or ordinary sources in the sum of $8,152.14.

The expenses of the year, exclusive of the mileage and per diem of the officers of the Grand Lodge and Grand Representatives to the same, were $9,550.41. Including these items the expenses were $19,866.51; thus showing that the receipts of the year exceeded the expenses in the sum of $7,315.86.

In accordance with the resolution which accompanied the report of the Finance Committee of the date of the 17th inst., and which was adopted by your R. W. Grand Body, I placed to the credit of the Grand Lodge the two United States 5-20 Registered Bonds referred to in said resolution, and transferred to the credit of the Wildey Monument Fund two thousand two hundred and twenty dollars of the moneys of the Grand Lodge in exchange therefor, at the current rates or value of said bonds, which were quoted at eleven per cent premium, including the interest that had accrued on the same.

The assets of the Grand Lodge, in the custody of the Grand Treasurer, consist of the following items, viz:

Cash balance as per this report	$18,894 86
$4,000 of first issue of U. S. 5-20 Bonds at current quotations, to wit, 111	4,440 00
Note of the Grand Lodge of South Carolina, dated September 18th, 1865, and payable two years after date, for	150 00
Note of the Grand Encampment of South Carolina, of the same date, and payable at the same time	75 00
Note of the Grand Lodge of Georgia, of the date of June 8th, 1866, payable one day after date	150 00
Note of Grand Encampment of Georgia, of the date of June 9th, 1866, payable one day after date, for	75 00
Note of Grand Lodge of Mississippi, dated July 18th, 1866, and payable on 1st of September, 1867, for	150 00
Note of Grand Encampment of Mississippi, dated July 17th, 1866, and payable 1st of September, 1867, for	75 00
Total	$24,009 86

Fraternally submitted.

SEPT. 18th, 1866. JOSHUA VANSANT, *Grand Treasurer.*

The Chair presented the following report from Grand Rep. HILL, of California, chairman of the special committee to which the subject was referred at the last session, which was ordered to be spread upon the Journal:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The undersigned, from the committee appointed at the last session to revise the Charge Books in the German language, and report the result of their labors to the Grand Lodge at its next session in 1866, respectfully report:

That immediately upon his return to California he notified the German Lodges within that jurisdiction, which had solicited this action, of the appointment of the committee, and ordered them (as the undersigned and most of the committee were not familiar with the German language) to furnish him, at an early day, with such translation as they desired, noting the various changes made, that the same might be submitted to other German scholars and forwarded to all the members of your committee in time for consideration and action before the meeting of your Grand Lodge. Committees from several Lodges were appointed for that purpose, and considerable progress was made in the revision. All was not ready, however, when the Grand Lodge of California met in May last. As the object of the revision of the entire

ritual at the next meeting of the G. L. U. S. was made known to the Grand Lodge of California as a work most likely to be accomplished, it was thought best, by those who had the matter in charge, to postpone further action on their part until the new ritual should be adopted and made known to the several Grand Lodges.

For this reason, therefore, your committee have been unable to submit the revised German Charge Books for your consideration at this time; they report such action as they have taken and ask to be discharged.

Respectfully submitted.

WM. H. HILL, *Chairman of Committee.*

The Lodge, on motion, now proceeded to the consideration of the business pending at the time of the adjournment on yesterday, to wit, the amendment offered by Rep. McKinstry, of Alabama, to the resolution of Rep. Smiley, of Tennessee, to include Alabama with Tennessee in the privilege of the amendment to the Constitution relating to the readmission of suspended members for non-payment of dues.

The question being on the amendment of Rep. McKinstry, of Alabama, Rep. Hoke, of North Carolina, moved further to amend by adding North Carolina.

Rep. Stokes, of Pennsylvania, moved to lay the whole subject on the table, which was resolved in the affirmative.

Rep. Thayer, of South Carolina, moved the following resolution:

Resolved, That the resolution adopted at the session of 1865, page 3854 of Journal, requiring certified action of the Grand Lodge or Encampment of any jurisdiction desiring to avail of the privilege of amendment of the Constitution relating to the readmission of members of defunct Lodges, or members suspended for non-payment of dues, be repealed.

Rep. Munro, of Michigan, moved to amend as follows:

Amend by striking out the word "repealed," and insert "suspended during the present year."

The Chair ruled the amendment to be out of order, for the reason that the Grand Lodge had no power to suspend any of its laws.

From this decision Rep. McKinstry, of Alabama, appealed to the Lodge, and the question was, "Shall the decision of the Chair stand as the judgment of the Lodge."

Pending the consideration of the question, the hour of ten o'clock, fixed for the election of Grand Officers for the ensuing term, having arrived, the Lodge proceeded to the election.

The following nominations were made for the office of M. W. Grand Sire:

By Rep. Lamberton, of Pennsylvania, P. D. G. S. James P Sanders, of New York.

By Rep. THOMPSON, of Missouri, P. G. M. JOSEPH KIDDER, of New Hampshire.

By Rep. LATHAM, of Virginia, P. G. M. F. D. STUART, of District of Columbia.

By Rep. GRISWOLD, of Illinois, P. G. M. E. D. FARNSWORTH, of Tennessee.

By Rep. SMITH, of Canada West, P. G. M. B. W. DENNIS, of Michigan.

By Rep. SCHIEFER, of Missouri, P. D. G. S. E. H. FITZHUGH, of Virginia.

P. D. G. Sire FITZHUGH, of Virginia, respectfullly declined the nomination for M. W. Grand Sire.

Rep. SMITH, of Canada, asked and obtained leave, at the request of P. G. M. B. W. DENNIS, of Michigan, to withdraw his name as a candidate for M. W. Grand Sire.

The nominations being closed, the Chair named Rep. BAILEY, of Pennsylvania, and Rep. HOKE, of North Carolina, as tellers, and the Lodge proceeded to the election.

The tellers, having received the votes of the Representatives, reported that ninety-three ballots had been cast, of which number

P. G. M. JAMES P. SANDERS received	33
P. G. M. E. D. FARNSWORTH	25
P. G. M. F. D. STUART	12
P. G. M. JOSEPH KIDDER	19
Blank	4
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and that no election had been had: whereupon the Lodge proceeded again to the election.

P. G. M. THOMPSON, of Missouri, asked and obtained leave to withdraw the name of P. G. M. JOSEPH KIDDER, of New Hampshire.

The tellers, having received the votes of the Representatives, reported that ninety-four ballots had been cast, of which number

P. G. M. JAMES P. SANDERS received	51
P. G. M. E. D. FARNSWORTH	34
P. G. M. F. D. STUART	8
Blank	1
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and that D. G. Sire JAMES P. SANDERS, of New York, had received a majority of the votes cast, whereupon

The M. W. Grand Sire announced that R. W. Deputy Grand Sire JAMES P. SANDERS, of New York, was the duly elected M. W. Grand Sire for the ensuing term.

The Lodge now proceeded to the election for R. W. D. Grand Sire.

The following nominations were made:

By Rep. BABCOCK, of Ohio, P. G. M. E. D. FARNSWORTH, of Tennessee.

By Rep. COLEMAN, of Tennessee, P. G. M. GRISWOLD, of Illinois.

By Rep. BRAGG, of Arkansas, P. C. P. A. H. RANSOM, of Kentucky.

By Rep. HOOK, of Indiana, P. G. P. E. H. BARRY, of Indiana.

By Rep. BAILEY, of Pennsylvania, P. G. A. MCKINSTRY, of Alabama.

By Rep. WHITE, of New York, P. G. M. ERIE J. LEECH, of Iowa.

By Rep. SMITH, of Canada West, P. G. M. F. D. STUART, of District of Columbia.

Reps. GRISWOLD, of Illinois, BARRY, of Indiana, MCKINSTRY, of Alabama, and STUART, of District of Columbia, respectively declined.

The tellers, having received the ballots of the Representatives, reported that ninety-three ballots had been cast, of which number

P. G. M. E. D. FARNSWORTH received	75
P. C. P. A. H. RANSOM	11
P. G. M. ERIE J. LEECH	7
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and that P. G. Master E. D. FARNSWORTH, of Tennessee, had received a majority of the votes cast; whereupon the M. W. G. Sire announced that P. G. M. E. D. FARNSWORTH, of Tennessee, was the duly elected R. W. Deputy Grand Sire for the ensuing term.

The Lodge now proceeded to the election for Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary.

The following nomination was made by Rep. SEXTON, of Indiana: P. G. M. JAMES L. RIDGELY, of Maryland.

The nomination having been closed, and the tellers having received the votes of the Representatives, reported that sixty-three ballots had been cast, all of which had been polled for P. G. M JAMES L. RIDGELY, of Maryland: whereupon the M. W. Grand Sire declared that P. G. M. JAMES L. RIDGELY, of Maryland, was the duly chosen R. W. G. Corresponding and Recording Secretary for the ensuing term.

The Lodge now proceeded to the election of R. W. G. Treasurer.

The following nomination was made by Rep. STRATTON, of New Jersey P. G. M. JOSHUA VANSANT, of Maryland.

The nomination having been closed, the tellers received the votes of the Representatives and reported that fifty-two ballots had been cast, all of which had been polled for P. G. M. Joshua Vansant, of Maryland: whereupon, the M. W. Grand Sire announced that P. G. M. Joshua Vansant, of Maryland, was the duly chosen R.W. Grand Treasurer for the ensuing term.

The Lodge now resumed the consideration of the subject pending at the hour fixed for the election of Grand Officers, to wit:

The appeal of Rep. McKinstry, of Alabama, from the decision of the Chair "that a motion to suspend a law defining the manner and form of carrying into effect a constitutional provision is not in order, but that the law may be amended or repealed."

Rep. Burnham, of Maine, moved the previous question, which was ordered by the Lodge, and put as follows, "Shall the decision of the Chair stand as the judgment of the Lodge," which was resolved in the negative.

The question recurred on the amendment of Rep. Munro, of Michigan, to the resolution of Rep. Thayer, of South Carolina, as follows, strike out the words "be repealed," and insert the words "be suspended for the year," which was resolved in the negative.

The question now being on the resolution of Rep. Thayer, of South Carolina, it was adopted.

On motion of Rep. McKinstry, of Alabama, the resolution of Rep. Smiley, of Tennessee, page 3941, as follows, was taken up:

Resolved by the Grand Lodge of the United States, That there be granted to the jurisdiction of the State of Tennessee the right to readmit to membership, within such jurisdiction, upon such terms as may be right, proper and just, suspended members residing within said jurisdiction who have been suspended for non-payment of dues, and also the right to admit members of defunct Lodges not able to procure cards.

The question being on the amendment of Rep. Hoke, of North Carolina, pending thereto, to add the words "North Carolina," it was agreed to.

The question now being on the amendment of Rep. McKinstry, of Alabama, to add the word "Alabama," it was agreed to.

Rep. Beeler, of West Virginia, moved further to amend by adding West Virginia, which was agreed to.

Rep. Thayer, of South Carolina, moved further to amend by adding South Carolina, which was agreed to.

Rep. Allen, of California, moved further to amend by adding California, which was agreed to.

Rep. TAYLOR, of Oregon, moved further to amend by adding Oregon, which was agreed to, and the resolution of Rep. SMILEY, of Tennessee, as amended, was adopted.

The hour of twelve o'clock having arrived, the Chair declared the Lodge at recess for thirty minutes, pursuant to the order to that effect.

TWELVE AND A HALF O'CLOCK.

The Lodge reassembled pursuant to the order for recess.

Rep. BAILEY, of Pennsylvania, moved the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That a committee of five be appointed upon the unfinished business of the last session of the Grand Lodge.

Rep. SIMPSON, of Pennsylvania, moved the following preamble and resolution, which was adopted:

WHEREAS a weekly publication entitled the "New Age," devoted to the dissemination of the principles of our beloved Order, has been established in the city of San Francisco, on the western verge of our jurisdiction; and whereas the publishers of said newspaper evince great zeal and devotion to our principles, and marked ability in the conduct of said journal: therefore it is

Resolved, That the members of the Order generally, throughout the entire jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge, be presented with the "New Age," and recommended to extend such patronage thereto as will ensure its permanency, prosperity, and greater efficiency as a beacon light in the progress and development of our Order.

Rep. WHITE, of New York, from the Committee on Constitutions, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Constitutions respectfully report that they have examined the amendments to the Constitution of the R. W. Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia, and find them to be in accordance with the laws of this R. W. Grand Lodge, and recommend their approval. We therefore recommend the adoption of the following:

Resolved, That the amendments to the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia be and the same are hereby approved.

Respectfully submitted.

JNO. H. WHITE,
M. J. DURHAM,
R. B. MAYES,
F. M. FOSTER,
W. H. THOMPSON.

Rep. PAGE, of Wisconsin, moved the following resolution, which, at his instance, was laid on the table for the present:

Resolved, That this Grand Lodge will hold its next Annual Communication in the city of New York.

Rep. BARRY, of Indiana, from the Committee on the State of the Order, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on the State of the Order, to whom were referred the decisions of the M. W. Grand Sire, report:

That they have carefully considered the same, and find the decisions, from one to seven, inclusive, predicated on existing enactments of this Grand Body.

The committee concur with the Grand Sire in the opinion expressed in paragraph the eighth, so far as the same is designed to guard the work of the Order, whether new or old, against the possibility of exposure. However questionable it might be for Grand Officers to be empowered, by any action of this Grand Body, to exercise authority over Lodges or members for exceptionable acts when not in regular session, the interposition of their authority to guard and protect all of the private work pertaining to the Order from unnecessary and undue publicity at any time, would be justifiable.

In reference to the right of a Subordinate Lodge or Encampment to apply to a sister body for aid or assistance in building or improving Lodge Halls, your committee find a provision already existing which should have deterred any Subordinate from asking or any Lodge from entertaining any solicitation for aid, or any scheme of raffle, lottery or gift enterprise, unless such solicitation had been specially permitted by the Grand Body, or its principal officer, within the jurisdiction in which such aid is sought. The law on the subject is explicit—a Lodge or Encampment can only ask for relief in consequence of loss by fire, or *for any other cause*, through its proper Grand Body or Grand Officer, and upon the form of a circular prescribed by this Grand Lodge, (See Journal 1846, page 906.) But, as this law has been evaded, probably because raffles, lotteries and gift enterprises are not specially mentioned and prohibited, your committee concur with the Grand Sire that further legislation is necessary to prohibit any resort to measures so inimical to the high moral purposes avowed by our Order. We, therefore, recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the decisions of the M. W. Grand Sire, made in the interval of the session, as found in his report, be confirmed.

Resolved, That no Lodge or Encampment, or any of the members thereof, shall, in the name of the Order, resort to any scheme of raffles, lotteries or gift enterprises, or schemes of hazard or chance of any kind, as a means to raise funds for any purpose of relief or assistance to such Subordinates, or to individual members.

Resolved, That no Lodge or Encampment shall entertain any application for pecuniary aid or assistance, under whatsoever scheme it may be presented, unless the same be authorized by the Grand Body, or its principal Grand Officer, of the jurisdiction in which such aid is solicited, and in accordance with the form prescribed for such purposes by this Grand Body.

E. H. BARRY,
FRED. D. STUART,
EDWARD P. BURNHAM,
J. ALEX. SIMPSON,
E. D. FARNSWORTH.

Rep. LEECH, of Iowa, from the Committtee on Credentials, made the following report:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Credentials have had under consideration the credentials of the P. C. P. and present Grand Master of Texas, ALFRED S. RICHARDSON, appointed Representative from the Grand Encampment of Texas in place of THOMAS M. JOSEPH, not in attendance, and respectfully report: That the same is informal, not having the seal of the Grand Encampment attached; nor is the same attested by the Grand Scribe; and the committee having previously reported the credentials of THOMAS M. JOSEPH as in due form of law, which report has been adopted by this Grand Lodge, and having no evidence of the resignation or death of said THOMAS M. JOSEPH, beg leave to submit the following resolution:

Resolved, That P. C. P. ALFRED S. RICHARDSON is not entitled to a seat as Representative in this R. W. Grand Lodge.

ERIE J. LEECH,
E. C. GRANNISS,
GEORGE J. MILLER,
J. L. THOMPSON,
O. UTLEY.

Rep. THAYER, of South Carolina, moved to recommit the report to the Committee on Credentials, with instructions to report the following resolution, which was adopted, and the report accordingly recommitted:

Resolved, That the Committee on Credentials, in reporting unfavorably on the credentials of Grand Representative RICHARDSON, from the Grand Encampment of Texas, are wholly justified in their report from the evidence before them, but the statements made by Grand Rep. PERKINS, the present G. P. of Texas, explaining the informality in the credentials presented to the committee, being satisfactory, therefore

Resolved, That the Committee on Credentials be and is hereby directed to report favorably on the admission of Grand Rep. RICHARDSON to a seat in this Body as the Grand Representative of the Grand Encampment of Texas.

Rep. WHITE, of New York, moved the following resolution, which, at his instance, was laid on the table:

Resolved, That the R. W. Grand Lodge will hold its next annual session at the city of Albany, New York.

Rep. BARRY, of Indiana, moved the following preamble and resolution:

WHEREAS, the R. W. G. Corresponding and Recording Secretary, in his report, properly and appropriately recommends "that a positive recognition, on our part, of the unerring hand of God, in having graciously rescued the genius of Odd-Fellowship from the ruin which has rioted as the inseparable effect of war, and for the unmistakable prosperity which has crowned its labors during the year now just closed, "eminently becomes us;" therefore,

Resolved, That the R. W. Grand Sire be and he is hereby directed to issue his proclamation appointing a day of Thanksgiving, to be observed throughout the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge by the members and families of this Order, in such appropriate and becoming forms and ceremonies as may be consistent with the occasion, to render thanks to the ever living God for preserving and maintaining the unbroken unity and fraternal relations of our Order from the sad and devastating effects of civil war.

Rep. COLEMAN, of Tennessee, moved to lay the subject on the table, which was resolved in the negative. The question recurring on the adoption of the preamble and resolution, it was resolved in the affirmative.

The Chair named the following Special Committees:

Committee on the Boylston Presentation.—Reps. FITZHUGH, of Virginia; STOKES, of Pennsylvania; PAGE, of Wisconsin.

Committee on placing the Bust of Wildey on a proper Pedestal.—Reps. ELLIS, of Maryland; STUART, of District of Columbia; MARLEY, of Maryland.

Committee on Unfinished Business.—Reps. BAILEY, of Pennsylvania; MCFARLAND, of New Hampshire; TAYLOR, of Oregon; BOTSFORD, of Connecticut; PEARSON, of Massachusetts.

Rep. THOMPSON, of Missouri, from the minority of the special committee on the subject of non-beneficial membership, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The undersigned, a minority of the committee to whom was referred the resolution on page 3854 of the Journal, as follows:

"*Resolved*, That the question of non-beneficial membership for members suspended for non-payment of dues, and who cannot now be received into the Order under the present laws by reason of advanced age or bodily infirmity, be referred to a committee of five, to act during the recess of this Body, with power to report at its next session such legislation as may meet the growing wants of the Order with reference to that great question."

The undersigned, having considered the same, would respectfully report that, in their opinion, the passage of the resolutions, as recommended by a majority of this committee, would work incalculable injury to the Order at large, and would be a violation of one of the established principles of our Order, and one which distinguishes it from almost any other in the land. It has been the boast of orators, in pointing to the statistics of our Order, that ours was an Order of active, working, and living men—that as soon as a member ceased to contribute regularly to our cause we dropped his name, sometimes with regret, its is true, but with a feeling that it was just and necessary. While this may sometimes bear harshly in individual cases, it is confidently believed that by this means we have been able to get rid of a good deal of useless material. An examination of the lists of suspended members who have been suspended for non-payment of dues, will reveal the fact that few, if any, are suspended for want of means to pay; in a majority of cases it is most wealthy members, those who require no assistance or benefits from the Lodge. They are generally men who, after enjoying all the honors a Subordinate Lodge could confer, lost their interest in the Order, and so allowed themselves to become delinquent. A true Odd-Fellow will not, and a poor one cannot, allow himself to get behind on the Secretary's books. Besides, previous to receiving an application for membership, the applicant examines our laws, and sees that in order to remain in good standing he must contribute regularly to the funds of the Lodge. Our members know this, and hence our increasing strength, financially and numerically. But if we allow our laws to be altered so as to say to our members, quit paying your dues for a year and get suspended, and we will reinstate you, and place you on our honorary or non-beneficial list, that we have made exclusively for rich members, where you can enjoy all the privilegs of our meetings and the offices if you choose; all we ask is the privilege of doing the voting and paying the bills; but we will vote as you tell us, or, in other words, we will place you on the same footing in our Lodges that the Grand

Lodge of the United States have placed their Past Grand Sires: this, we think, is a temptation that very few would resist, and we might expect to see the suspensions for the next year very numerous.

We do not consider it necessary to go into an elaborate argument to show members of this Grand Lodge the danger of the adoption of the resolution offered, as all our proceedings, from the institution of this Grand Lodge down to the present time, are filled with arguments against this proposition. We would, therefore, respectfully recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That, in the opinion of this Grand Lodge, non-beneficial membership in Subordinate Lodges would be an element of weakness, and would be dangerous to their prosperity, and should not be allowed in this jurisdiction

JOHN L. THOMPSON,
W. H. THOMPSON.

Rep. FORD, of Massachusetts, moved the following preamble and resolutions, which were referred to the Legislative Committee:

WHEREAS in the opinion of this Grand Lodge, it is important for the permanent welfare and uniform working of our Order throughout the jurisdiction of this Grand Body, that some general plan or system of instruction should be adopted, that Subordinate Lodges may receive a clear and correct exposition of the unwritten work of the Order: Therefore,

Resolved, That the Legislative Committee be requested to consider the propriety and necessity of having in each jurisdiction some suitable person appointed as *Grand Instructor*, who shall, under the direction of his Grand Lodge or Grand Master, visit and instruct the members in the secret work of Odd-Fellowship.

Resolved, That this Grand Lodge recommend to each State Grand Lodge the appointment of a *Grand Instructor* as an officer of the Grand Lodge, whose duty it shall be to visit Subordinate Lodges, and instruct them, while in session, in the secret work of the Order, and also to give private instruction to elective officers whenever called upon.

Rep. BARRY, of Indiana, from the Committee on the State of the Order, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was referred the inquiry of Rep. STUART, on page 3927 Journal, report:

That, although good standing in a Lodge is requisite to maintain membership in an Encampment, yet your committee are of the opinion that this does not relate to the mere question of indebtedness for dues in a Lodge when the same has not led to the suspension of the brother therefrom. The only disabilities of a member of a Lodge, who is also a member of an Encampment, for which the Secretary of a Lodge is to notify the Scribe of an Encampment, are when the brother takes a withdrawal card, and of his suspension or expulsion.

Your committee therefore recommend for adoption the following:

Resolved, That a temporary abeyance from benefits in a Lodge, under the law thereof, and when there has been no action of the Lodge in suspending therefrom, does not work a forfeiture of benefits in an Encampment when the brother is free from indebtedness therein.

E. H. BARRY,
E. D. FARNSWORTH,
EDWARD P. BURNHAM,
J. ALEXANDER SIMPSON.

On motion of Rep. LEECH, of Iowa, the Lodge proceeded to consider the pending amendment to the Constitution, page 3886, Journal, as follows:

Amend article 7, section 1, of the Constitution, by striking out in the third line the words "by the Grand Sire attested," and in the fourth line the words "under seal of the Grand Lodge."

The question being on the adoption of the proposed amendment, it was resolved in the affirmative, the yeas and nays being as follows:

Yeas—Allen, (2 votes,) Armington, Babcock, of Illinois, Babcock, of Ohio, Barber, Barron, Barry, (2 votes,) Beeler, Bragg, Botsford, Burnham, Burton, Carter, (2 votes,) Damon, Deitz, Dennis, Doniphan, Doe, (2 votes,) Dowden, Durham, (2 votes,) Dye, Escavaille, Fitzhugh, Ford, Foster, Foos, Garey, Glenn, Granniss, Griswold, Hall, Ham, Havenner, Hochstetler, Hodges, Hoke, Homes, Hook, Hunter, Hyland, Kingsbury, Landers, (2 votes,) Latham, Leech, Logan, McDonald, McFarland, McKenzie, McLean, Maris, Marley, Martin, Marvin, Millard, Miller, Morse, Munro, Norcross, Pearson, Perkins, Ransom, Ross, Saxton. Sharp, Slater, Smiley, Steele, Stratton, Stuart, Swanton, Taylor, Thayer, Thompson, of Delaware, Thompson, of Missouri, Tower, Townsend, Utley, White—85.

Nays—Bailey, Dame, Lamberton, McKinstry, Simpson, Stokes—6.

On motion of Rep. LEECH, of Iowa, the Lodge proceeded to consider the pending amendment to the Constitution, page 3866, as follows:

Amend section five of article first by striking out the words "by the unanimous vote," and inserting in lieu thereof the words "with the concurrence of four-fifths of the members of this Grand Lodge."

Rep. ESCAVAILLE, of Maryland, moved to postpone the amendment indefinitely, which was resolved in the negative.

The question recurring on the amendment, Rep. LEECH, of Iowa, moved its adoption, which was resolved in the negative. The yeas and nays were as follows:

Yeas—Reps. Babcock, of Illinois, Babcock, of Ohio, Bailey, Barber, Barnes, Barron, Barry, Beeler, Bragg, Burnham, Burton, Carter, (2 votes,) Dame, Deitz, Dennis, Durham, (2 votes,) Dye, Foster, Foss, French, Glenn, Granniss, Griswold, Ham, Hoke, Homes, Hook, Kingsbury, Lamberton, Leech, McDonald, McKenzie, Martin, Marvin, Mayes, Millard, Miller, Milton, Munro, Pearson, Perkins, Ross, Sexton, Simpson, Slater, Stokes, Stratton, Swanton, Thayer, Tower, Townsend, Utley, White—56.

Nays—Reps. Allen, Armington, Barnard, Botsford, Coleman, Damon, Doniphan, Doe, Dowden, Escavaille, Farnsworth, Fitzhugh, Ford, Garey, Gilman, Hall, Havenner, Hochstetler, Hodges, Hunter, Hyland, Logan, McFarland, McKinstry, McLean, Maris, Marley, (2 votes,) Morse, Norcross, Ransom, Sharp, Smiley, Steele, Stuart, Taylor, Thompson, of Delaware, Thompson, of Missouri, (2 votes,) Weeks—42.

Rep. LAMBERTON, of Pennsylvania, from the special committee on that subject, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The committee appointed under the resolution of G. Rep. LAMBERTON, page 3935 Journal, to inquire into the expediency of having prepared and published a tract embodying the principles and teachings of Odd-Fellowship, having carefully considered the subject committed to them, respectfully report:

They believe such a publication would be gladly received by the membership generally, and have the tendency to promote a clearer and better understanding of our tenets within and without the Order. It is not of rare occurrence that a member of this fraternity is asked, what is Odd-Fellowship, what does it hold, why should I become an Odd-Fellow? These questions may readily be answered by any one who has "learned and inwardly digested" what is open to him in the work of the Order, and in periodicals, essays and addresses issued and published by skilled and competent brothers. But it must be conceded that these questions cannot be fitly answered by very many, even in our own membership, who, either through lack of time or disposition, have not measured up to the standard of an Odd-Fellow nor acquired that knowledge which they ought to possess.

We believe that the preparation and publication of a standard tract would supply a want that has frequently been experienced. A little tract stating clearly and compactly the principles, purposes, and workings of the Order, properly used, might result in very much good. It could give the reason of the faith that is in us. It could answer authoritatively the queries proposed by those who, from laudable motives, seek to know what Odd-Fellowship teaches. It could show why those who are eligible to membership, and are outside of our pale, should come within it. It would help to dispel prejudice and silence the tongue of calumny. It could in part answer the objection of some really good men, who, ignorant of our faith and principles, place us under the general ban, it is a *secret* society, out of which nothing good can come. It would enable the workings of the Order to be better understood. And, lastly, it would tend to enlighten many of our membership who plod on from day to day, content to pay dues and draw benefits, and who, not lifting their thoughts higher than these mere monetary considerations, fail to gather the living truths of which the work of the Order is full.

For the foregoing and other reasons which might easily be suggested, we respectfully offer for your consideration the following resolutions:

1. That the Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary of this Grand Lodge, whose long experience, zeal, and skill in our Order so abundantly qualify him for the work, be requested to prepare a tract or pamphlet, presenting the teachings, principles, purposes, and operations of the Order.

2. That, when so prepared, said tract be printed under the direction of this Grand Lodge, and be issued to Subordinate Grand Bodies, as other supplies, at a reasonable price.

3. That these tracts be furnished by Subordinate Grand Bodies, at the original cost to such Grand Bodies, to their Subordinates, to be distributed to their members, and to be by them discreetly used, not by way of advertisement of Odd-Fellowship, but for proper and legitimate purposes.

Respectfully submitted.

R. A. LAMBERTON,
W. L. HYLAND,
JOHN W. CARTER,
JOS. G. MARTIN,
W. A. GILMAN.

On motion of Rep. FITZHUGH, of Virginia, the Lodge adjourned until to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, September 19, 1866—9 o'clock A. M.

The R. W. Grand Lodge assembled pursuant to adjournment. Present:

ISAAC M. VEITCH.....M. W. Grand Sire.
JAMES P. SANDERS.....R. W. Deputy Grand Sire.
JAMES L. RIDGELY.....R. W. Grand Cor. and Rec. Secretary.
JOSHUA VANSANT.....R. W. Grand Treasurer.
REV. I. D. WILLIAMSON.....R. W. Grand Chaplain.
JOSEPH KIDDER.....R. W. Grand Marshal.
AUGUSTUS PFAFF.....R. W. Grand Guardian.
JOHN E. CHAMBERLAIN.....R. W. Grand Messenger.

And a representation from a quorum of Grand Bodies.

Prayer by Rev. Bro. I. D. WILLIAMSON, R. W. Grand Chaplain.

The R. W. Deputy Grand Sire, having examined the Representatives, by order of the M. W. Grand Sire declared the Lodge open for business.

On motion, the reading of the Journal of yesterday was dispensed with.

Rep. LEECH, of Iowa, from the Committee on Credentials, made the following report, which was adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Credentials, to whom has been submitted the credentials of Grand Master ALFRED S. RICHARDSON, appointed Representative from the Grand Encampment of Texas, in place of THOMAS M. JOSEPH, *not in attendance*, under *instructions of this Grand Lodge*, submit the following resolution:

Resolved, That ALFRED S. RICHARDSON be admitted to a seat in this R. W. Grand Lodge, in place of THOMAS M. JOSEPH, not in attendance.

ERIE J. LEECH,
GEO. J. MILLER,
O. UTLEY,
J. L. THOMPSON,
E. C. GRANNISS.

Rep. BARRY, of Indiana, from the Committee on the State of the Order, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was referred the inquiry of Rep. NORCROSS, of Carifornia, page 3936 Journal, report:

That the question of the right of any Subordinate to appropriate their funds to pay the expenses of celebrating the anniversary of the introduction of our Order in America rests exclusively with the members of said Subordinates. This Grand Body has eschewed all right to determine such questions, and has decided "that Subordinates have power to regulate and

control their own financial affairs—a delicate, sacred, and highly cherished prerogative, with which the Grand Lodge of the United States will not unwisely interfere.—(See Journal of 1855, page 2496, 1857, page 2831.) Your committee therefore recommend the adoption of the following:

Resolved, That Subordinate Lodges and Encampments have the right to determine the propriety of appropriating their funds for all purposes recognized by the Order.

FRED. D. STUART,
E. H. BARRY,
E. D. FARNSWORTH,
J. ALEXANDER SIMPSON.

Rep. RANSOM, of Kentucky, from the special committee on that subject, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The special committee appoinied to revise the present form of funeral procession would recommend that the following be substituted in place of the third resolution, found on page 32 of Digest Grand Lodge United States.

3. *Resolved*, That the order of procedure at the funeral of a deceased brother be as follows:

At the appointed hour the Subordinate Lodge of which such brother was a member shall meet at its Lodge-room, and the Noble Grand, or in his absence the Vice Grand, or, in the absence of both, the senior Past Grand present, shall appoint a Marshal and such number of Assistant Marshals as may be required; the Lodge shall then pass in procession from the lodge-room to the place from which the funeral may have been appointed to start, in the following order:

1. The Marshal, wearing a black scarf and bearing a baton bound with black crape.
2. The Outside Guardian, bearing a red staff in like mourning.
3. The Scene Supporters, bearing white wands in like mourning.
4. Members of the Initiatory Degree, in order of juniority, two abreast.
5. Members of the White, Pink, Royal Blue, Scarlet and Purple Degrees, respectively, in like order.
6. Members of the Lodge having the Patriarchal, Golden Rule, and Royal Purple Degrees, respectively, in like order.
7. The Past Grands of the Lodge, in order of juniority.
8. The Inside Guardian, bearing the regalia and insignia indicative of the rank in the Order of the deceased brother.
9. The Treasurer, Assistant, Permanent or Financial Secretary or Secretaries, and the Secretary of the Lodge.
10. The Vice Grand, supported by the R. and L. Supporters, each bearing his wand of office bound with a band of black crape.
11. The Chaplain, wearing a white scarf, and supported by the Warden and Conductor, each bearing his staff of office in like mourning.
12. The Noble Grand, supported by his R. and L. Supporters, each bearing his wand of office in like mourning.

Invited brethren will take places with the members of the Lodge, according to their rank. The Lodges, when more than one attend, shall be arranged in order of juniority preceding the Lodge conducting the ceremonies.

From this retain the original to the end of this resolution.

For the fourth resolution, substitute the following:

4th. *Resolved*, That if, at the time of his death, the deceased brother was a member of an Encampment, the Encampment may attend the funeral in a body, in order similar to that prescribed for Lodges, and shall take the

position in line designated as No. 6; but in all cases the funeral ceremonies shall be conducted by the Subordinate Lodge, except that if the brother was a past or present elective officer of a Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment — then the ceremonies may be conducted by such Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment.

A. H. RANSOM,
JOHN G. DEITZ,
GEORGE W. HAM.

Rep. Foss, of Illinois, presented a communication from the Grand Lodge of Illinois relative to the construction of certain laws of that jurisdiction, upon the subject of dropping and suspending members for non-payment of dues, which seem to be in conflict with the laws of this Grand Body, which was referred to the Committee on the State of the Order.

Rep. HODGES, of Massachusetts, moved the following, which was referred to the Legislative Committee:

WHEREAS, the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, at its Annual Session, having had before it several resolutions in opposition to the abolition of the Degree of Rebekah, and also a portion of the report of the Grand Master in reference to the subject, unanimously adopted the following report:

"That, on the general question of the Degree of Rebekah, we trust that whatever may be the action of the Grand Lodge of the United States, full consideration will be given to the fact that a very large number of the brethren of this jurisdiction believe that the general idea involved in the institution of the Degree of Rebekah is a valuable one, calculated to increase the interest of the members in the work of the Order, and to extend its benefits to the families of the brotherhood:" Therefore,

Resolved, That the opinions of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts in favor of the Degree of Rebekah, as above expressed, be referred to the Legislative Committee.

Rep. Ross, of New Jersey, moved the following resolution, which was referred to the Legislative Committee:

WHEREAS it is provided by article 24 of the By-Laws that past officers of every description, and that *members in possession of the Encampment* degrees, and all other members of the Order, when visiting Grand or Subordinate Lodges, are entitled to wear the regalia and jewels pertaining to the highest degrees which they may have taken; and whereas the resolution adopted at the session of 1837 (Journal, page 255) prohibits the wearing of the Encampment regalia exeept in an Encampment of Patriarchs: Therefore,

Resolved, That the resolution above referred to be and is hereby repealed.

Rep. KIRKUP, of Ohio, presented the amended Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Ohio, which was referred to the Committee on Constitutions.

Rep. RANSOM, of Kentucky, moved the following resolution, which was adopted:

WHEREAS it is understood that the Committee on Revision, to whom was referred the form of funeral service submitted at the last session, (see Jour-

nal, page 3862,) have not prepared a report thereon under the impression that the matter did not properly pertain to the duties of said committee: Therefore,

Resolved, That a special committee of five be appointed to prepare a form of funeral service to be used in lieu of that now found in the Digest.

Rep. Foss, of Illinois, moved the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That there be granted to the jurisdictions of Illinois, Georgia, Kentucky, Arkansas, Nebraska, Florida, Texas, Canada West, Minnesota, Vermont, New Jersey, and New Hampshire, the right to readmit to membership within their several jurisdictions, upon such terms as may be right and just, as proposed by section 4, article 16 of the Constitution, all suspended members of other jurisdictions residing within the several jurisdictions named above, who may have been suspended for non-payment of dues only, and such members of defunct Lodges of other jurisdictions as may not be able to procure proper cards or other vouchers.

Resolved, That any other jurisdictions not herein included may avail themselves of the privilege of said section 4, article 16, upon giving notice to the R. W. Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary of this Grand Body of their desire to do so.

Rep. BARBER, of Mississippi, from the Committee on Petitions, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Petitions, to whom was referred so much of the report of the R. W. Grand Sire as states his issue of warrants for the institution of the following named Lodges and Encampments, viz: Frontier Encampment, No. 2, located at Windsor, Canada West; Harmony, No. 3, at London, Canada West; Colorado Lodge, No. 3, at Black Hawk, Colorado Territory; Schiller Encampment, No. 2, at Leavenworth, Kansas; Shawnee Encampment, No. 3, at Topeka, Kansas; Mount Oread Encampment, No. 4, at Lawrence, Kansas; Denver Lodge, No. 4, Colorado Territory, and Osage Encampment, No. 5, at Burlingame, Kansas, beg leave to report that they have examined the matters referred to, and recommend that the action of the R. W. Grand Sire be approved and confirmed by your Grand Body.

L. K. BARBER,
B. W. DENNIS,
D. M'DONALD,
EDWIN SWANTON,
WILLIAN THAYER.

Rep. BARBER, of Mississippi, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Petitions, to whom was referred the petition of a number of Past Grands, comprising Lodges Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, and 10, in the State of Nevada, have given the matter their consideration, and recommend that the prayer of the petitioners be granted, and that the charter be accordingly issued for a Grand Lodge of the State of Nevada. The protest,

however, from Dayton Lodge, No. 5, against the application, have had the consideration of your committee, but they do not consider it of sufficient importance to warrant a refusal of the charter prayed for.

L. K. BARBER,
B. W. DENNIS,
D. M'DONALD,
EDWIN SWANTON,
WILLIAM THAYER.

Rep. THAYER, of South Carolina, from the Committee on Petitions, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Petitions, to whom was referred the application of Far West Encampment, No. 1, Schiller Encampment, No. 2, Shawnee Encampment, No. 3, Mt. Oread Encampment, No. 4, and Osage Encampment, No. 5, for a Grand Encampment to be located at Leavenworth, Kansas, beg leave to state that they have examined the documents referred to them, and report:

That the petition does not explicitly state that article 5 of the Constitution of this R. W. Grand Body had been complied with in the call of the Encampment, in convention, for consultation in reference to the application, but the petition is duly signed by the representatives of the above named Encampments. The inference of your committee is that the law must have been complied with in the point above referred to, though not embodied in the application, and in other respects being correct, recommend that the petition be granted and a charter issued for the Grand Encampment of Kansas, to be located at Leavenworth.

WILLIAM THAYER,
EDWIN SWANTON,
B. W. DENNIS,
D. M'DONALD,
L. K. BARBER.

Rep. SIMPSON, of Pennsylvania, from the Committee on the State of the Order, made the following report, which was considered and adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was referred the communication from the Grand Lodge of North Carolina, (see page 3927, Journal,) having considered the subject, respectfully beg leave to report that the only matter that can be considered in said communication is a question of finance, and in our opinion should be referred to the Committee on Finance. We therefore offer the following resolution, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

Resolved, That the communication from the M. W. Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina be referred to the Committee on Finance.

J. ALEX. SIMPSON,
EDWARD P. BURNHAM,
E. H. BARRY,
E. D. FARNSWORTH,
FRED. D. STUART.

The Chair announced the following Special Committee:

Special Committee on Funeral Ceremony under resolution proposed by Rep. Ransom.—Reps. RANSOM, of Kentucky; ESCAVAILLE, of Maryland; Ross, of New Jersey; MAYES, of Mississippi; BARRY, of Indiana.

Rep. ESCAVAILLE, of Maryland, from the special committee on that subject, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Wildey Monument Committee beg leave respectfully to report that in obedience to a resolution adopted at the last Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge , page 3795, Journal of Proceedings, they entered into a contract with Messrs. Bevan & Sons for the necessary flagging around the Monument, said flagging to be of white crystal marble, to be laid on a substantial brick pavement, with suitable foundation, at a cost of twelve hundred ($1200) dollars. They also contracted with Messrs. Oliver & Flemming for the granite curbing upon which to place the iron railing, at a cost of eight hundred and fifty ($850) dollars. The contract for the iron railing around the Monument was awarded to Geo. H. Pagles, said railing to be constructed entirely of wrought iron, and to cost the sum of $7.00 per lineal foot, with an extra charge for eight posts or columns of $25 each, making the entire job of railing amount to $872.00. In this connection the committee would state that they were led to the determination of having the railing made of "wrought" iron, in consequence of its durability being superior to that of "cast" iron, although not admitting of so much ornamental embellishment in its construction as the latter—durability being, in the opinion of the committee, paramount to that of ornament. The painting of the railing will cost $10.

The aggregate sum of the above mentioned contracts amounts to $2,932.00, and the several jobs have been completed to the entire satisfaction of the committee. There remains yet to be finished the matter of grading and paving the space around the Monument, so as to open carriage ways north and south of the Monument of equal width of those now east and west of the structure. This work has been contracted for to cost the sum of $341.32, which, added to the foregoing amounts for work already completed, will make the entire improvements around the Monument cost the sum of $3,273.32.

During the last Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge, in the presence of a vast concourse of the Brotherhood assembled from various parts of our common Union, the committee had the gratifying pleasure of surrendering the monumental column erected to the memory of WILDEY, the FATHER AND FOUNDER OF AMERICAN ODD-FELLOWSHIP, into the custody of the Grand Lodge; and now, having had the necessary work done as ordered by the Grand Lodge, with a view to protect and embellish the structure, and as this is doubtless the last report which the undersigned will make to the Grand Lodge in connection with the matter with which they have been charged, it appears to be proper and pertinent that they should present a statement embodying the total amount paid for the purpose of erecting the Monument and the entire cost of the structure. Acting under this impression, they present the following statement:

Amount contributed by Lodges and Encampments..		$17,041 13
Interest on bonds and profits on sale thereof.....		2,079 31
Gross Receipts.....		$19,120 44
Amount paid for erection of Monoment, curbing around the same, and other expenses.....	$14,863 38	
Due on account of marble tiling around Monument...	960 00	
Due for iron railing do do.....	872 00	
There will be due for paving carriage way around the north and south fronts of the Monument.....	341 32	
Due for sundries.....	6 50	
Gross cost of Monument and improvements....		$17,043 20
Which will leave a balance of.....		2,077 24
This balance will consist of cash.....	$77 24	
United States bonds at par value.....	2,000 00	
		$2,077 24

The following resolution is respectfully submitted for your consideration:

Resolved, That, after the committee shall have liquidated the existing liabilities, and such as may be incurred in the construction of a paved carriage way on the north and south fronts of the Monument, the monument shall be committed to the care or charge of a Committee of the Grand Lodge, consisting of its elective Officers and the Grand Representatives to that Body resident in Baltimore city, and that said committee shall have full power to make such embellishments or repairs in connection with the monument as prudence and expediency may from time to time suggest; *provided*, that the expenses that may be incurred shall not at any time exceed the cash balance that may be to the credit of the Wildey Monument Fund, and the interest that may accrue on the $2000 of United States bonds now standing to the credit of the Monument Fund—it being hereby understood that said bonds shall not be disposed of except by the special direction of the Grand Lodge, but are to remain a permanent investment, the interest upon which may be applied to the purposes hereinbefore named.

JAMES B. NICHOLSON,
J. W. STOKES,
THEO. A. ROSS,
JOSHUA VANSANT,
A. H. RANSOM,
JOS. B. ESCAVAILLE,
JOHN F. HAVENNER.

Rep. FITZHUGH, of Virginia, from the Legislative Committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Legislation, to whom that portion of the Grand Sire's report relating to the Order in British North America has been referred beg leave to report, that at the suggestion of the Chairman of the Committee on the State of the Order that the whole subject should be disposed of by one committee, they have considered the same, and as the result of their deliberations recommend the approval of the Grand Sire's suggestions, and the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the Grand Sire be and he is hereby authorized and directed to appoint and commission a Special Commissioner to visit the Lower Provinces and Canada East, and said Special Commissioner shall, in the exercise

of a sound discretion, have ample and full authority to restore the charters of extinct Lodges and institute new ones, whenever in said jurisdiction a Grand Lodge does not exercise jurisdiction, and generally to take such steps and resort to such measures as in his judgment will be most likely to revive our Order in those jurisdictions.

Resolved, That the said Special Commissioner be also clothed with authority to open a correspondence with the Manchester Unity of Odd-Fellows in the said British Possessions of North America, for the purpose of ascertaining the views of that fraternity in regard to a union of their body with ours, and if such a union be practicable under any circumstances; for the purpose, also, of eliciting from them their opinions as to the terms and conditions upon which such a connection between the Orders should be made.

Resolved, That the said Special Commissioner be and he is hereby required to make a full and complete report of his action and proceedings in the premises to the Grand Sire, in order that the same may be laid before this Body at its next annual session.

Resolved, That the travelling and other expenses incident to the mission of said Special Commissioner be paid by the proper officers of this Grand Lodge, out of any money in the hands of the Grand Treasurer not otherwise appropriated.

Resolved, That the R. W. Grand Lodge of Canada West be and is hereby requested to make known to this Grand Body, at its next annual session, whether there is any objection to extending the jurisdiction of that Grand Lodge over the Province of Canada East, in the event that this Grand Lodge, after hearing the report of said Special Commissioner, and such other information as may be laid before it, shall judge that such a course be proper.

EDWARD H. FITZHUGH,
HENRY F. GAREY,
J. W. STOKES,
BENJ. KINGSBURY, JR.,
J. GRISWOLD.

Rep. FITZHUGH, of Virginia, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Legislative Committee, to whom the petition of the R. W. Grand Lodge of New York was referred, asking that the proper officers of the Grand Lodge of New York be authorized to confer the official honors upon the officers of such Lodges as were subordinate to the Grand Lodge of Southern New York, who shall have served from July to October, 1866, in order that the terms in said State may be uniform, submit the following report:

It appears that in the late jurisdiction of Northern New York the terms of Subordinates were, by special permission of this Grand Body, from April —to October—, while in Southern New York the term was, in acccordance with the general law, from July— to January—. When those two jurisdictions were united into one the first mentioned term was adopted, and in order that the necessary uniformity should prevail it became necessary that the officers of Subordinate Lodges in the late jurisdiction of Southern New York should either serve three months or nine months. While the committee would be unwilling to adopt any regulation by which the present term of office should be diminished, or to take any step which could be possibly construed into a precedent sanctioning a departure from existing regulations on the subject, yet, under the peculiar circumstances of this case, and as it will only extend to a limited number of officers and for a specified time, viz: from July to October, 1866, the committee are of the opinion that a relaxation of

the rule will work no injury, and that the prayer of the petitioners ought to be granted. The committee recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the proper officers of the R. W. Grand Lodge of New York be and they are hereby authorized to confer the proper official honors upon the officers of such Lodges as were subordinate to the late Grand Lodge of Southern New York who shall have served from July to October, 1866.

EDWARD H. FITZHUGH,
HENRY F. GAREY,
BENJ. KINGSBURY,
J. W. STOKES,
J. GRISWOLD.

Rep. GAREY, of Maryland, from the Legislative Committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Legislative Committee, to which was referred the resolution of Rep. ELLIS, of Maryland, and the amendment of Rep. BARRY, offered thereto, found on page 3853 of Journal, with instructions "to inquire into the expediency of amending said resolution so as to require a ballot vote of a majority of the members present to elect to membership an applicant on card," beg leave to report that they have duly considered the original resolution, and the amendment thereto, as well as the amendment to said amendment, suggested by Rep. SLATER, in the reference to this committee, and are satisfied that said resolution should be adopted with the modification proposed by Rep. SLATER, as follows:

Resolved, That in all cases of application for membership in Subordinate Lodges or Encampments *under the immediate jurisdiction* of the Grand Lodge of the United States, three black balls shall be necessary to reject the candidate; but if the application shall be by card, a majority only of the members present on ballot, shall be necessary to elect.

Resolved, That the Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary be directed to transmit, in circular form, under the seal of this Grand Lodge, a copy of the foregoing resolution to each Subordinate Lodge and Encampment working under the immediate jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge.

HENRY F. GAREY,
J. GRISWOLD,
EDWARD H. FITZHUGH,
J. W. STOKES,
BENJ. KINGSBURY, JR.

Rep. GAREY, of Maryland, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Legislative Committee, to whom was referred the resolution of Rep. DONIPHAN, of Missouri, to wit: "Resolved, that each Grand Body of this jurisdiction shall be authorized and empowered to legislate upon and define what shall constitute 'satisfactory evidence of former connection with the Order,' to govern and regulate the admission of members in the Order within their jurisdictions," beg leave to report that the resolution passed at the last session, Journal 3827, seems in their opinion to need the amendment suggested by the Representative from Missouri. They would therefore submit the following:

Resolved, That "satisfactory evidence of former connection with the Order," within the meaning of the law, must come from the Lodge of which the brother was formerly a member, or, in the event of such evidence being inaccessible by reason of its being defunct or otherwise, then from the Grand Body under whose jurisdiction the Subordinate existed. And should neither of these be accessible or obtainable, then such evidence shall be regulated for each of the State Grand Jurisdictions by the Grand Bodies thereof.

Should the applicant fail to meet these requirements, he may then make petition for admission into the Order by initiation, as prescribed by existing law.

HENRY F. GAREY,
BENJ. KINGSBURY, JR.,
J. W. STOKES,
J. GRISWOLD,
EDW. H. FITZHUGH.

Rep. STOKES, of Pennsylvania, from the Legislative Committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Legislation, to whom was referred the resolution offered by Rep. FORD, of Massachusetts, page 3956 Journal, respectfully report:

That while it is of the utmost importance to maintain perfect uniformity in the observance of the unwritten work of the Order, your committee cannot conceive that it could be placed in better hands than where, by the terms of the charter granted to Grand Bodies, full control over the work of the Order in their respective jurisdictions has been given; and the committee fail to see any benefit likely to result to the Order by relieving the State Grand Bodies from the duty and responsibility of seeing that a clear exposition of the unwritten work shall be disseminated throughout their jurisdictions by authorizing the appointment of a general instructor, and unite in recommending that no further legislation be had upon this subject.

Respectfully submitted.

J. W. STOKES,
E. H. FITZHUGH,
HENRY F. GAREY,
BENJ. KINGSBURY, JR.,
J. GRISWOLD.

Rep. WHITE, of New York, from the Committee on Constitutions, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Constitutions, to whom was referred the Constitutions of the Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment of the State of West Virginia, have examined the same, and finding therein nothing in conflict with the laws of this Grand Lodge, recommend their approval and submit the following:

Resolved, That the Constitutions of the Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment of the State of West Virginia, herewith presented, be and the same are hereby approved. Respectfully submitted.

JOHN H. WHITE,
M. J. DURHAM,
R. B. MAYES,
F. M. FOSTER,
W. H. THOMPSON.

Rep. WHITE, of New York, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Constitutions, to whom was referred the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of the State of Nebraska, report that they have examined the same, and find it to be in accordance with the laws of the Order, and submit the following for approval:

Resolved, That the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of the State of Nebraska, herewith presented, be and the same hereby is approved.

Respectfully submitted.

JOHN H. WHITE,
M. J. DURHAM
R. B. MAYES,
F. M. FOSTER,
W. H. THOMPSON.

Rep. WHITE, of New York, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

Your Committee on Constitutions, to whom was referred the Constitution and By-Laws of Colorado Lodge, No. 2, having examined the same, recommend their approval, except so much of the said Constitution as reads as follows, "Any P. G. may act as N. G. or V. G. when called upon, and perform all the duties of the same," it being a part of section 8 of article 3, and excepting also section 2 of article 6 of the By-Laws. They therefore submit the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Constitution and By-Laws of Colorado Lodge, No. 2, of the Territory of Colorado, with the exceptions above referred to, be and the same hereby are approved. Respectfully submitted.

JOHN. H. WHITE,
M. J. DURHAM,
R. B. MAYES,
F. M. FOSTER,
W. H. THOMPSON.

Rep. WHITE, of New York, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

Your Committee on Constitutions have examined the amendment to the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Ohio, adopted May, 1866, and recommend its approval, and append the following:

Resolved, That the amendment to the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Ohio, above referred to, be approved. Respectfully submitted.

JOHN H. WHITE,
F. M. FOSTER,
W. H. THOMPSON,
M. J. DURHAM,
R. B. MAYES.

Rep. DURHAM, of Kentucky, moved the following resolution, which was agreed to:

Resolved, That this Grand Lodge now go into secret session.

The Lodge accordingly resolved itself into secret session.

After some hours passed in secret session, the Lodge resumed its ordinary business —

When the hour of 12 o'clock having arrived, the Chair declared the Lodge at recess for thirty minutes, pursuant to the special order.

TWELVE AND A HALF O'CLOCK.

The Lodge reassembled pursuant to the order for recess, when

Rep. PAGE, of Wisconsin, from the Committee on Finance, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Finance recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That this Grand Lodge hereby remits the representative tax of the Grand Lodges of North Carolina, South Carolina, Arkansas, and Florida, and the Grand Encampment of North Carolina, for the year 1865.

H. L. PAGE,
R. D. LANDERS,
J. F. SCHIEFER,
JAMES SMITH.

Rep. PAGE, of Wisconsin, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Finance have examined the books and report of the Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary, and also that of the Grand Treasurer, and find the same to be correct, with proper vouchers for the items of disbursements for the year ending the 18th of September, inclusive, 1866.

The balance in the Treasury, as shown by the report of the Grand Treasurer, at the session of 1865, was	$13,799 00	
The amount received by the Grand Secretary and paid over to the Grand Treasurer, during the year for Representative Tax, Books, Cards, &c., was	27,019 17	
Interest on United States Bonds and premium on the same	163 20	
Total		$40,981 37
Paid out during the year for mileage and per diem of Officers and Representatives, who attended the session of the Grand Lodge in 1865, and for other expenses	$19,866 50	
Paid Wildey Monument fund for two United States Bonds, of $1,000 each, at current rates	2,200 00	
		22,085 51
Leaving a cash balance of		$18,814 86

The other assets of the Grand Lodge consist of United States Bonds, $4,000, which at current rates, amount to	$4,440 00	
Amount of supplies on hand at selling prices	14,902 50	
Note of the Grand Lodge of South Carolinia	150 00	
" " Encampment of South Carolina.	75 00	
" " Lodge of Georgia	150 00	
" " Encampment of Georgia	75 00	
" " Lodge of Mississippi	150 00	
" " Encampment of Mississippi	75 00	
		20,017 50
Total assets		$38,912 36

The Grand Treasurer made up and presented his report upon the condition of the Wildey Monument fund upon the 17th of September, inst. The committee find his report in that connection, at such date, to be correct, as stated, to wit:

Cash balance to the credit of the fund	$13 90
*United States Bonds, at *par value*	4,000 00
Total assets	$4,013 90

H. L. PAGE,
JAMES SMITH,
R. D. LANDERS,
T. C. COLEMAN,
J. F. SCHIEFER.

Rep. PAGE, of Wisconsin, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Finance report the following resolution:

Resolved, That the sum of $44.90 be and the same is appropriated to JAS. TERWILLIGER, of New York, for his expenses in attendance upon Committee of Revision.

H. L. PAGE,
JAMES SMITH,
R. D. LANDERS,
T. C. COLEMAN,
J. H. SCHIEFER.

Rep. PAGE, of Wisconsin, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the claim of Excelsior Lodge, No. 1, at Honolulu, find on examination of the books of the Grand Secretary, and copies of vouchers of Excelsior Lodge, that the sum of $131.30 has been paid by Excelsior Lodge to the D. D. Grand Sire of that jurisdiction, R. A. S. WOOD, on account of his indebtedness to this Grand Lodge,

* Between the time at which the Grand Treasurer made his report on the Monument fund, and that at which he made his report on the financial condition of the Grand Lodge, $2,000 of these bonds were transferred to the Grand Lodge and appear in the last named report, which left but $2,000 of the bonds to the credit of the Monument fund at the date when the Financial Committee made this report. The amount in bonds to both credits at par value being but $6,000, whereas to the cursory reader there might appear to be $8,000.—GRAND TREASURER.

which has not been credited to Excelsior Lodge on the books of the Grand Secretary, nor has such sum ever been received by that officer. But it appearing that said WOOD was at the time the accredited agent of this Grand Body, the loss, if any, should fall on this Body, and not upon Excelsior Lodge.

The Committee report the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be directed to credit to Excelsior Lodge, No. 1, Sandwich Islands, the sum of $131.30, and charge the same to R. A. S. WOOD, late D. D. Grand Sire of that jurisdiction.

H. L. PAGE,
JAMES WHITE,
R. D. LANDERS,
T. C. COLEMAN,
J. F. SCHIEFER.

Rep. PAGE, of Wisconsin, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Finance respectfully recommends that supplies shall hereafter be sold at the following net prices:

Cards	$ 25	each.
Odes	10	
Form for Degree Lodges	10	
Charge Books	3 00	
Degree Books	3 00	
Degree of Rebekah	2 00	
Installation Books	2 00	
Institution Books	2 00	
Grand Lodge Books	3 00	
Grand Encampment Books	3 00	
Encampment Books	3 00	
Funeral Ceremony	1 00	
Diplomas	1 00	
Digests	1 25	
Bound Journal, per volume	3 50	

H. L. PAGE,
JAMES SMITH,
R. D. LANDERS,
T. C. COLEMAN,
J. F. SCHIEFER.

Rep. LANDERS, of Illinois, from the Committee on Finance, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Finance submit the following estimates of receipts and expendiitures for the current year, viz:

ESTIMATED RECEIPTS.

Representative Tax from Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments	$7,950 00
Due from Subordinate Lodges and Encampments under the immediate jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge	200 00
For the sale of Cards	6,000 00
For the sale of Odes	800 00
For the sale of Diplomas	500 00
For the sale of Books, embracing Charge Books, Degree Books, Degree of Rebekah, Installation Books, and Digests	6,000 00
	$21,450 00

ESTIMATE OF EXPENDITURES.

Grand Secretary's salary	$1,500 00
Grand Treasurer's salary	200 00
Grand Messenger's salary	900 00
Rent of Grand Secretary's office and fuel	275 00
Printing Odes	400 00
Printing Cards	600 00
Printing Charge Books	185 00
Printing Degree Books	185 00
Printing Degree Books (German)	100 00
Printing Diplomas	150 00
Contingent Fund	500 00
Postage	600 00
Printing Daily Journal	500 00
Printing Revised Journal	2,000 00
Mileage and per Diem	11,000 00
	$19,195 00

The Committee offer the following resolution:

Resolved, That the estimated amount of receipts be and is hereby appropriated, or so much thereof as may be necessary, for the payment of salaries, printing, mileage, and per diem, and other expenses of the Grand Lodge, and the Grand Secretary be authorized to issue his warrant for the same.

R. D. LANDERS,
H. L. PAGE,
JAMES SMITH,
T. C. COLEMAN,
J. F. SCHIEFER.

Rep. LANDERS, of Illinois, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Finance beg leave to offer the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be instructed to issue a warrant in favor of M. W. Grand Sire ISAAC M. VEITCH, for forty-five dollars and seventy-five cents, being amount of expenses accruing in his office for postage and express charges during his term of office.

R. D. LANDERS,
JAMES SMITH,
H. L. PAGE,
J. F. SCHIEFER.

Rep. SMITH, of Canada West, rose in his place, and addressed the Lodge as follows:

MOST WORTHY GRAND SIRE: It becomes my painful and melancholy duty to announce to you the death of a Past Grand Representative of this R. W. Grand Lodge during the year gone by.

Past Grand Master CHAUNCEY YALE, of the jurisdiction of Canada West, after a lingering and painfull illness, which he bore with christian fortitude, departed this life at his residence, in St. Catherines, on the fifteenth day of April last, having advanced to the mature and ripe old age of fifty-seven years.

Most truly, Sire, through his demise has the Order in Canada lost one of its strongest supports. Yes, one of her stars, and that of the first magnitude,

has been removed from view, after a lapse of over twenty years, during which time he shone with such splendor that, take him for all and all, we fear we shall never see his like again; and, although lost to sight, still to memory ever dear, his name is cherished amongst us, and has become as a household word, and shall be handed down to all our posterity. Ever since he first became an Odd-Fellow he has been most zealous in promoting and encouraging our noble cause. He was a brother that never wearied in well doing; well might we be proud to call him father, for he was a father to the fatherless. None sought him for relief or advice that from his door went empty away.

Bro. YALE at different times filled the several offices in Union Lodge and Encampment, of which he was a charter member, with infinite credit to himself and honor to the Order; and when the Grand Lodge of Canada West was first established he was elected Deputy Grand Master, afterwards he filled the office of Grand Master, and subsequently was chosen as Grand Representative to this Temple of Friendship, Love and Truth, and had the honor of meeting with brothers now here during the sessions of 1857 and 1858.

In the death of Bro. YALE society has lost an ornament and humanity a friend, who by strict integrity in all his relations in life, both as an Odd-Fellow and a citizen, won the esteem of all who knew him. None knew him but loved him, and those who did need not be reminded of his virtues. He was an affectionate husband, a kind and tender parent, and truly patriotic to his country. His memory will be kindly cherished and kept green in the hearts of those who possessed his friendship.

Rep. SIMPSON, of Pennsylvania, moved the following preamble and resolution, which were adopted:

WHEREAS it appears to this R. W. Grand Lodge that Rep. COLUMBUS BARTLETT, from the Grand Lodge of California, was taken sick while on his journey from his home to attend this session, and is now detained by reason of such sickness; and whereas the expense incurred by said Representative, in his efforts to be present in the performance of his duty, has necessarily been very considerable, and as his detention is from no fault of his own: Be it therefore

Resolved, That the Committee on Mileage and Per Diem be and they are hereby instructed to include in their report mileage in favor of C. BARTLETT from his residence to the city of New York and return.

Rep. BARRON, of Wisconsin, moved the folllowing resolution:

Resolved, That at 8 o'clock this evening the Grand Lodge go into secret session for the purpose of instruction in the secret work.

Rep. HYLAND, of West Virginia, moved to amend by striking out "8 o'clock this evening," and inserting "to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock," which was agreed to, and the resolution, as amended, was adopted.

Rep. FITZHUGH, of Virginia, from the special committee on the subject, made the following report:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The special committee to whom so much of the report of the Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary as relates to the correspondence with

the widow of P. G. Sire BOYLSTON, and the recommendation that the duplicate copy of his portrait in the hands of the artist be presented to her, has been referred, beg leave to report—

That they have read with melancholy interest the correspondence which has been laid before them, and recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved, That this Grand Body, impressed with the able and satisfactory manner with which the R. W. Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary has discharged the duty of presenting the action of this Grand Lodge, at its last session, to the family of our lamented brother, P. G. Sire BOYLSTON, respectfully requests that brother, for and on behalf of this Grand Lodge, to purchase the duplicate portrait of P. G. Sire BOYLSTON, now in the hands of the artist, and present it free of all charges and expense, in such manner as he may deem best, to Mrs. S. A. Boylston, the widow of our departed brother, as a memorial of our affection for him, and of our profound sympathy with her in the loss which she as well as we have sustained.

Resolved, That the Grand Treasurer be and he is hereby authorized to pay to the Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary such sum of money as may be required to carry the foregoing resolution into effect, out of any money in his hands not otherwise appropriated.

EDWARD H. FITZHUGH,
J. W. STOKES,
H. L. PAGE.

On motion of Rep. STOKES, of Pennsylvania, the rule was suspended and the report was considered and unanimously adopted.

On motion of Rep. STOKES, of Pennsylvania, the Lodge resolved itself into secret session.

After some hours passed in secret session, the Lodge resumed its ordinary business, when—

Rep. SHARP, of Delaware, rose in his place and addressed the Lodge as follows:

MOST WORTHY GRAND SIRE: Upon me devolves the melancholy duty of announcing to this R. W. Grand Lodge that, since its last session in this Hall one year ago, death has entered the precincts of our Order, and removed from the jurisdiction of the State of Delaware, and from our midst, Past Grand Master and Past Grand Representative JOHN FAIRFAX SMITH. He died in the city of Wilmington, Delaware, October 21st, 1865, in the sixty-first year of his age.

My acquaintance with our deceased brother, although not of long standing, nor of such a nature as to afford me many opportunities for cultivating it, was nevertheless of the most agreeable character. Indeed, it has scarcely ever been my good fortune to form an acquaintance which has made, upon my mind, so favorable an impression of character. Frank, honest, and unassuming in his appearance, to see him was to know him, and to know him was to admire him. By his death the State has lost a worthy and highly esteemed citizen, and our Order a beloved and valuable member. To those who knew him no further eulogy from me is necessary; and to those who knew him not I need only say that he was a faithful, earnest, and exemplary Odd-Fellow, whose action and example are worthy all imitation. He was one of the early pioneers of our Order in Delaware, and by his devotedness and attachment to and practical application of the principles of Odd-Fellowship, he had won for himself the highest esteem and confidence of his brethren.

Having filled all the offices, and received all the honors of his Subordinate Lodge, he was elected in the year 1845 to the high and important position of Grand Master of the State. During his term of office, a new Lodge having organized, took as its title the name of Fairfax in honor of his name. In attestation of a further recognition of his merits, attainments, and capabilities as a worthy and energetic Odd-Fellow, the Grand Lodge of his State in the year 1849 elected him to represent her interests in this Grand Body. In this capacity he served two years, and filled his position with credit to himself and his constituency. The last act of recognition of his merits, on the part of his Lodge and brethren, was the presentation of his portrait to the R. W. Grand Lodge of Delaware, at its session in the year 1865. But why pursue longer the history of our deceased brother? He has passed away from earth and all its sublunary cares. He has taken his withdrawal card from the terrestrial Lodge, and deposited it in that Grand Lodge above the skies, where there is no adjournment, and where brother takes the parting hand with brother no more. But, although the place that once knew him now knows him no more, still he lives in our memories, and it is a source of pride to our Order generally, and to every Odd-Fellow especially who knew him, that he once lived, and was an active member of our fraternity. Let us then follow his example, and endeavor to imitate and cultivate the virtues which we so much admired in him, so that we, like him, may pass through all the vicissitudes of life, leaving behind us a luminous tract, calculated to redound to our honor and be worthy the emulation of posterity.

The R. W. Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary presented his supplemental report as follows, which was referred to the Committee on Finance:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Corresponding and Recording Secretary respectfully submits the following further statement of his receipts, since the close of his Annual Report:

SUPPLEMENTARY STATEMENT *of Receipts of Grand Secretary after the close of the Annual Report, up to and including September* 19, 1866.

GRAND LODGES.	Charter	Balance.	Cards.	Books.	Odes.	Diplomas.	Miscellaneous.	Representative Tax.	Total.
West Virginia	.....	.....	$39 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	$39 50
Rhode Island	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	$75 00	75 00
Texas	.....	$240 14	100 00	$133 50	.....	.....	$16 50	150 00	640 14
Pennsylvania	.....	.....	749 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	749 00
Missouri	.....	.....	50 00	48 00	.....	$56 25	.....	.....	154 25
Tennessee	.....	193 23	125 00	281 50	$20 00	.....	.....	150 00	769 73
Michigan	.....	.....	100 00	112 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	212 00
Canada West	.....	.....	75 00	30 00	.....	.....	.....	75 00	180 00
South Carolina	.....	33 41	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	33 41
Florida	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	75 00	75 00
Dis. of Columbia	.....	.....	118 75	6 00	.....	.....	.....	150 00	274 75
Nevada	$30 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	30 00
Vermont	.....	3 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	75 00	78 00
	$30 00	$469 78	$1,357 25	$611 00	$20 00	$56 25	$16 50	$750 00	$3,310 78

SUPPLEMENTARY STATEMENT *of Receipts of Grand Secretary after the close of the Annual Report, up to and including September* 19, 1866.

GRAND ENCAMPMENTS.	Balance.	Cards.	Books.	Odes.	Miscellaneous.	Rep. Tax.	Total.
Rhode Island	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	$75 00	$75 00
District of Columbia.	.....	$15 00	.....	.....	.....	75 00	90 00
Tennessee	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	75 00	75 00
Missouri	.....	.....	.....	.....	27	75 00	75 27
Michigan	.....	.....	$36 00	.....	.....	.....	36 00
Alabama	$75 00	$25 00	36 00	$2 00	$1 08	75 00	214 08
Virginia	129 00	.....	12 00	.....	.....	75 00	216 00
South Carolina	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	75 00	75 00
	$204 00	$40 00	$84 00	$2 00	$1 35	$525 00	$856 35

SUPPLEMENTARY STATEMENT — *Continued.*

	Miscellaneous.	Books.	Cards.	Dues.	Total.
Mt. Oread Encampment, No. 4	.....	.....	$3 50	.....	$3 50
Union Encampment, No. 1, C. W	.....	.....	.....	$14 90	14 90
Frontier Encampment, No. 2, C. W	.....	.....	.....	9 00	9 00
Harmony Encampment, No. 3, C. W	.....	.....	.....	9 00	9 00
Isaac W. Hallam, of Delaware	.....	$1 50	.....	.....	1 50
Thomas G. Steele, of W. Virginia	15	11 00	$15 00	.....	26 15
	15	$12 50	$18 50	$32 90	$64 05

WILDEY MONUMENT FUND — *Supplementary.*

Canada West	$5 16
New Jersey	18 00
Rhode Island	85 00
	$108 16

TOTAL RECEIPTS.

Cards	Statement	$7,562 25	
	Supplementary	1,415 75	
			$8,978 00
Books	Statement	5,936 10	
	Supplementary	707 50	
			6,643 60
Balance	Statement	1,116 96	
	Supplementary	673 78	
			1,790 74
Odes	Statement	913 20	
	Supplementary	22 00	
			935 20
Diplomas	Statement	488 67	
	Supplementary	56 25	
			544 92
Dues	Statement	906 23	
	Supplementary	32 90	
			939 13
Charters	Statement	240 00	
	Supplementary	30 00	
			270 00
Miscellaneous	Statement	111 58	
	Supplementary	18 00	
			129 58
Representative Tax	Statement	6,187 50	
	Supplementary	1,275 00	
			7,462 50
* Of this amount $675 is on time notes.			*$27,693 67

TOTAL WILDEY MONUMENT FUND.

Statement	$326 58	
Supplementary	108 16	
		$334 74

Of this amount $23.16 was received since the report of Grand Treasurer.

Respectfully submitted.

JAS. L. RIDGELY, *C. and R. Secretary.*

Rep. MARVIN, of New York, from the Committee on Correspondence, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Correspondence would respectfully report that they have given the large amount of matter committed to them that consideration which they conceived to be necessary, and present the following as the result of their labors:

They find that the matter entrusted to them for examination (consisting of reports of D. D. Grand Sires and of State Grand Secretaries, as well as a vast amount of miscellaneous correspondence from various sources and relating in a greater or less degree to matters pertaining to Odd-Fellowship, together with the Journals of proceedings from the State jurisdictions) has already been thoroughly considered by the R. W. Grand Secretary, and all

matters of importance therein extracted and presented clearly in the able report of that officer, rendering no further examination necessary on the part of your committee.

Your committee are impressed with the great amount of labor connected with the conducting and preparation of so extensive a correspondence, and feel that the full and thorough presentation of the condition of the Order throughout the entire Union, which is afforded us, in condensed form, by the R. W. Grand Secretary at each annual session, demands at our hands something more than a mere passing notice. What we can read at our leisure, and in little time, is prepared for us at the cost of much time and labor, and the faithfulness of the officer, whose toil gives us pleasure, should be remembered and appreciated by all who are interested in the Order.

The correspondence of the Grand Sire, most varied in character and voluminous in quantity, gives an idea of the views prevailing in different jurisdictions in reference to particular subjects which have been made matters of recent legislation by this R. W. Grand Body. Among others, earnest appeals come from certain jurisdictions that the Degree of Rebekah be not abolished, that the Grand Lodge do not deprive them of the great pleasure and profit which they derive from the operations of the Degree of Rebekah among them.

Your committee are gratified to discover the growing desire among the brethren of the several jurisdictions to increase the efficiency of the membership by establishing libraries and reading rooms for the benefit of the brethren; also, their desire to carry out the spirit of Odd-Fellowship by providing asylums for the destitute orphans of Odd-Fellows.

Such is the legitimate effect of the sublime principles of our Order, when allowed to have their sway. Thus do they soften the heart and quicken the hands to acts of kindness, benevolence, and charity. Thus do they smooth the path, alleviate the sorrows, and lighten the burdens of the distressed everywhere, throughout every land over which the banners of the Order may float.

There being no matters of business requiring the attention of your committee, they present the above as their report.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

C. A. MARVIN,
THOMAS J. SMILEY,
WM. J. HOKE,
JAMES STRATTON,
L. F. TOWER.

Rep. BAILEY, of Pennsylvania, from the Committee on Unfinished Business, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Unfinished Business of the last session respectfully report that they have examined the Journal of 1865 and find the following matters of Unfinished Business requiring your consideration:

1st. The several amendments, on pages 3883 to 3886, inclusive, to the Constitution of the Grand Lodge, not already acted upon at the present session.

2d. The report of the Special Committee on the Degree of Rebekah, page 3795, Journal.

3rd. Resolutions of Rep. ELLIS, of Maryland, respecting rejection of candidates, Journal, page 3853.

4th. Certain proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Oregon, Journal, page 3862.

Respectfully submitted.

JOHN H. BAILEY,
FREDERICK BOTSFORD,
W. H. PEARSON,
J. S. McFARLAND,
CRIS TAYLOR.

Rep. SCHIEFER, of Missouri, moved the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the resolutions offered by Rep. HOKE, of North Carolina, and unanimously adopted by this R. W. Grand Lodge at the session held in the city of Nashville, Tennessee, in the year 1860, (page 3281 of the Journal,) be carried into effect at the earliest moment convenient.

Rep. PAGE, of Wisconsin, moved that the Lodge proceed to consider the resolution, offered by him, on page 3952 Journal, "that the next session of the Grand Lodge be held at the city of New York."

Rep. MARVIN, of New York, moved to amend by striking out "New York," and inserting "Cleveland, Ohio."

The question being on the amendment of Rep. MARVIN, of New York—

Rep. BARRY, of Indiana, moved to postpone the subject indefinitely, which was resolved in the negative.

The question recurred on the adoption of the amendment of Rep. MARVIN, of New York, which was resolved in the negative.

The question now being on the resolution of Rep. PAGE, of Wisconsin—

Rep. DONIPHAN, of Missouri, moved to amend by striking out "New York," and inserting "St. Louis," which was not agreed to.

The question recurring on the resolution of Rep. PAGE, of Wisconsin, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Rep. SEXTON, of Indiana, rose in his place and addressed the Lodge as follows:

M. W. GRAND SIRE: It is my melancholy duty to announce the death, on the 11th day of June last, of P. C. Patriarch and P. Grand Representative JACOB PAGE CHAPMAN, of the jurisdiction of Indiana.

Bro. CHAPMAN was admitted to a seat in this Grand Lodge in 1846, as one of the Representatives from the Grand Lodge of Indiana, and served with marked distinction and great ability for two years; when, against the earnest solicitations of his constituents, he declined a re-election. He was, however, returned in 1853, as one of the Representatives from the Grand Encampment of Indiana for one year, when that Body, for the first time, was entitled to two Representatives in this Grand Lodge.

He espoused the cause of Odd-Fellowship at the time of its introduction into Indiana, and for twenty years, and until severe personal afflictions overtook him, he was devoted to the best interests of the Order, faithful to its principles, zealous in their extension, vigilant in guarding its reputation, and diligent in commending it to the wise and the good.

He was, indeed, one of the master spirits of the Order in Indiana; and the brethren there will ever revere his memory for his wise counsels, tenacious adherence to its tenets, and constant exemplification of its principles. His prominence in the State, being a leader of one of the great political parties of his day, and the principal editor of its most influential journals; his acknowledged intelligence, his admitted integrity, and his

deserved popularity and influence, assisted greatly in giving prominence and encouragement to our Order in the State where he lived and died, and, in laying deep and broad there, the foundation for its present prosperity and efficiency.

It is meet that one so worthy should have an honorable record to his memory in the highest courts of the Order; and the brethren of Indiana would be wanting in gratitude if they failed to perpetuate a remembrance of one to whom they are so much indebted.

Rep. STUART, of District of Columbia, from the minority of the Committee on the State of the Order, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The undersigned, one of the Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was referred the inquiry from the Grand Encampment of the District of Columbia, respectfully represents that he is, to a great extent, in favor of the views entertained and expressed by his colleagues in regard to this matter. But he knows that their answer to the inquiry will not remove the difficulty which has occurred in the District of Columbia. The case, as presented, is not a peculiar or rare one, though never before, in the present form, referred to this R. W. Body.

Good standing in a Subordinate Lodge is a necessary qualification for active membership in a Subordinate Encampment. This the law distinctly says—and the question is, simply, when is a brother not in good standing in the Lodge. The universal law says that he is not in good standing when the laws of his Lodge cut him off, in consequence of non-payment of a certain amount of dues, or for some moral delinquency. That being settled, it becomes necessary to determine how long a brother in this condition, who is a member of an Encampment, and, so far as the payment of dues therein is concerned, is in good standing in his Encampment, should be permitted to enjoy all the benefits and privileges of his Encampment. The undersigned is of the opinion that there should be a limit to the time—and that this R. W. Body should prescribe that limit, as it has heretofore failed to do so. He therefore submits the following resolutions:

Resolved, That to establish uniformity throughout the jurisdiction of this R. W. Body, in reference to the time when a brother who is a member of an Encampment, and who, in consequence of becoming non-beneficial, therefore forfeits his standing in his Lodge, shall be disqualified from receiving benefits in his Encampment, though he may be clear of the books thereof, this Grand Lodge declares, and hereby enacts, that any brother who is indebted to his Lodge to an amount sufficient to debar him from benefits, and, of course, from visiting his Lodge, shall not be entitled to benefits in his Encampment, though he may not be in arrears to that Body.

Resolved, That to give members who have become in arrear in their Lodges and who are also members of Encampments a reasonable opportunity to pay their arrears before being reported as delinquents to their Encampments, it shall be the duty of the Secretaries of all Lodges, who have members belonging to Encampments, to notify said Encampment within ..... after the time of the fact that such member, or members, naming him or them, had forfeited his or their standing in his or their Lodge, in consequence of arrears, or otherwise. And, further, that on the liquidation of the indebtedness on the part of the delinquent brothers, the Secretaries of all Lodges shall, in like manner, notify the Scribes of all Encampments to which such brothers belong that their disability had been removed. And that Subordinate Lodges and Encampments shall hereafter be governed by this law.

FRED. D. STUART.

Rep. BARBER, of Mississippi, from the Committee on Petitions, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Petitions, to whom was referred the petition and supplemental petition of Utah Lodge, No. 1, located at Great Salt Lake City, the first petition bearing date June 21st, 1866, praying that said Lodge be placed under the jurisdiction of the R. W. Grand Lodge of California, and the second and supplemental petition bearing date August 18th, 1866, requesting said Lodge may be placed under the jurisdiction of the R. W. Grand Lodge of Nevada—have had the matters contained in said petitions under their consideration, and recommend that the request of said Lodge, as contained in the supplemental petition, be granted by your Grand Body, and that said Utah Lodge, No. 1, located at Great Salt Lake City, be placed under the jurisdiction of the R. W. Grand Lodge of Nevada as soon as said Grand Lodge shall be established.

L. K. BARBER,
D. M'DONALD,
WILLIAM THAYER,
B. W. DENNIS,
EDW. SWANTON.

Rep. KINGSBURY, of Maine, from the Legislative Committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Legislative Committee, to whom was referred so much of the Annual Communication of the M. W. Grand Sire as relates to the extension, by resolution, of the privileges conferred by the Constitutional Amendment adopted at the last session, and found on page 3848 of the Journal, to Subordinates under the immediate jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, respectfully report:

That the Constitutional Amendment RESTRICTS the privileges therein granted to "State, District, or Territorial Grand Jurisdictions," and that, therefore, no power exists in this Grand Body to confer the privileges of that amendment upon the Subordinates directly under this jurisdiction.

They however appreciate the importance of the recommendation of the M. W. Grand Sire, and, to obviate the difficulty, propose the following amendment to the Constitution:

Amend article sixteen, section four, by inserting after the words "State, District or Territorial Grand Jurisdiction," wherever occurring, the words "or any Subordinate Lodge or Encampment under the immediate jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of the United States."

BENJ. KINGSBURY, JR.,
HENRY F. GAREY,
EDWD. H. FITZHUGH,
J. GRISWOLD,
J. W. STOKES.

Rep. KINGSBURY, of Maine, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Legislative Committee, to whom was referred a preamble and resolutions, proposed by Rep. SWANTON, of New York, found on page 3937 Journal, relating to the conferring of the Grand Lodge degree, respectfully report:

That having given the subject due consideration, they are of opinion that the legislation asked for is inexpedient.

BENJ. KINGSBURY, JR.
HENRY F. GAREY,
EDW. F. FITZHUGH,
J. GRISWOLD,
J. W. STOKES.

Rep. Ross, of New Jersey, from the Committee on Returns, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Returns have carefully examined the Annual Reports of the various Grand and Subordinate Lodges and Encampments under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, and have given their attention to the improvement in the form, as transmitted by Grand Scribe HUBBELL of Ohio, and specially referred to the committee, and respectfully report:

That while they find, by a comparisoon of the present reports with those submitted in 1865, few, if any of them, are entirely correct in the membership reported, they are aware that it is difficult, if not impossible, for Grand Secretaries and Grand Scribes to remedy the defects complained of, as they have to depend upon the reports of Subordinates. The adoption of the improvements in the form recommended by the R. W. Grand Serretary, and requiring all Subordinates to make their returns to their State Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments in conformity therewith, will, it is believed, enable this R. W. Grand Lodge to determine more accurately than heretofore the actual condition of the membership of the Order.

We report the returns of the following incorrect, for the reasons set forth in each case:

Grand Lodge of Maryland—seven expulsions reported and the names and cause given for only two of them.

Grand Lodge of Georgia—no names or cause given for the expulsions reported,

Grand Lodge of Oregon—no seal.

Grand Lodge of Vermont—seal pasted on.

Grand Lodge of Arkansas—seal pasted on.

Grand Encampment of Ohio—certificate not dated.

Grand Encampment of Southern New York—no cause assigned for the suspensions.

Grand Encampment of Pennsylvania—ten expulsions reported, and cause stated for one only.

Grand Encampment of Virginia—no cause given for the expulsions.

Grand Encampment of Connecticut—no cause assigned for the expulsions.

Grand Encampment of Indiana—thirty-four suspensions reported, and cause assigned for one only.

Grand Encampment of Wisconsin—no cause given for the suspensions.

Grand Encampment of Rhode Island—no cause assigned for the suspensions and expulsions.

Grand Encampment of Iowa—no cause assigned for eight expulsions.

Grand Encampment of Texas—place of meeting not given.

Grand Encampment of Mississippi—number of members and amount of receipts not stated.

Grand Encampment of Tennessee—does not mention the cause for three suspensions, and does not mention the name of the jurisdiction at the head of the report.

Grand Encampment of Georgia—assigns no cause for seven suspensions.

Grand Lodge of Louisana—number of brothers' and widows' families relieved not given.

Grand Encampment of Missouri—certificate not dated.

Walker Encampment, No. 5, Washington, Arkansas—names of Patriarchs exalted not given, and no seal.

Green Mountain Encampment, No. 3, Vermont—four reports—place of meeting not given, and not in printed form.

Excelsior Encampment, No. 4, Factory Point, Vermont—not in printed form, and without seal.

Harmony Encampment, No. 3, London, Canada West—time and place of meeting not stated, and address of officers not given, and no seal attached.

Frontier Encampment, No. 3, Windsor, Canada West—time and place of meeting, and address of officers, not given.

No reports have been received from the Grand Lodge of Northern New York, Grand Encampments of North Carolina and Northern New York. We submit the following resolutions for your consideration:

Resolved, That hereafter all Grand and Subordinate Lodges and Encampments under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge shall make a summary of the report submitted in the following form·

Number of members per last report.....
Initiated during the year.....
Admitted by card during the year.....
Reinstated during the year.....

TOTAL.....

Expelled.....
Withdrawn by card.....
Suspended.....
Deceased.....

TOTAL.....

Now in membership.....

Resolved, That the form of Annual Returns hereafter printed shall contain the above addition.

Resolved, That all State Grand Bodies shall require their Subordinates to make their returns in a similar manner.

Respectfully submitted.

THEO. A. ROSS,
F. J. BARNARD,
HENRY ARMINGTON,
M. S. DOWDEN,
THOMAS G. STEELE.

Rep. McLEAN, of the District of Columbia, from the Committee on Printing, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Printing have considered the proposals for printing the Journal of Proceedings of the session of 1866, and would respectfully report that there was but one bidder, P. G. Rep. JAMES YOUNG, to whom the contract has been awarded by your committee, who recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the R. W. Grand Secretary be and he is hereby authorized to contract with P. G. Rep. JAMES YOUNG for the printing of the Revised Journal of Proceedings of the present session in accordance with his proposal herewith submitted and marked "Accepted by the Committee on Printing."

Resolved, That the 44 pound paper at $12.32 per ream, marked "Accepted by the Committee on Printing," be used by the contractor for printing the Revised Journal.

WM. R. McLEAN,
G. L. TOWNSEND,
DANIEL NORCROSS,
W. G. DYE,
J. W. SHARP.

Rep. GAREY, of Maryland, addressed the Grand Lodge as follows, and formally presented the Odd-Fellows' Ode accompanying:

MOST WORTHY GRAND SIRE AND GRAND REPRESENTATIVES: I hold in my hand some lines of poetry by a member of this Body, which were written by him at his home in Mississippi in the year 1861, when exhausted political argument had given place to arms, and the whole country was convulsed by the first shock of an internecine war. Unshaken by the storm around him he clung to the great principles of our Order as rising proudly above the tempest—the guiding stars of a common humanity.

The subject of these lines are the cardinal sentiments and principles so cherishtd in the Order, of FRIENDSHIP, LOVE, AND TRUTH. In the opinion of the speaker those trite and hacknied words have, in these lines, found a new significance, and have taken a permanent and beautiful form. The celebrated Goethe, in his Wilhelm Meister, composed some stanzas called "Mignon's" song of surpassing beauty, both of sentiment and poetic diction. It was no sooner published than the public approval stamped it as a national song. It thrilled through the camps and the courts, the cottages and the palaces of the fatherland, and became a household word in all the dialects of the millions who belong to the great Teutonic family. It has been translated into many languages, and is now considered by common consent as a legacy of genius to the world.

These lines were suggested by the music and popular air adapted to that great song, and in my opinion are well worthy of the subject of which they treat—certainly never, to my khowledge, have our sentiments and principles been so embodied and enobled as in this fragment. It is for the first time given to the public, and is now presented by the author, through the speaker, to this Body, to which it has been dedicated. I therefore present it to you as a fit expression of the sentiments that glow in the hearts of all Odd-Fellows.

ODD-FELLOWS ODE,

Written and Respectfully Dedicated to the Right Worthy Grand Lodge of the United States

BY GRAND REP. R. B. MAYES.

Air—Mignon's Song.

In Friendship tried is found a precious treasure;
In trusting Love, a fount of purest pleasure;
In Truth, a lamp alike for age and youth;
May Earth be filled with Friendship, Love, and Truth!
With Friendship filled; with Love; with Truth;
May Earth be filled with Friendship, Love, and Truth!

Unshaken Faith, must Friendship ever nourish;
Sweet Hope and Love, like twins, together flourish;
Truth points the way for Charity and Ruth;
And Heaven smiles on Friendship, Love and Truth;
On Friendship smiles; on Love; on Truth;
And Heaven smiles on Friendship, Love, and Truth.

No cruel Doubt can come where Friendship bideth;
No hateful Strife, where peaceful Love resideth;
Where Truth prevails, no power has Slander's tooth;
All Evil flees from Friendship, Love, and Truth;
From Friendship flees; from Love; from Truth;
All Evil flees from Friendship, Love, and Truth.

Hail Friendship pure! O may it be Earth's leaven!
Hail sacred Love! The atmosphere of Heaven!
Hail Truth Divine! That blooms in fadeless youth!
God speed the cause of Friendship, Love and Truth.
Hail Friendship pure! Hail Love! Hail Truth!
God speed the cause of Friendship, Love, and Truth!

YAZOO CITY, *January 12th*, 1861.

Rep. STUART, of District of Columbia, moved the following resolution, which was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That this Right Worthy Grand Body accepts with pleasure of the ode written by Grand Representative R. B. MAYES, of Mississippi, on the subject of Friendship, Love, and Truth, and dedicated to the Grand Lodge of the United States; and that the thanks of the members of this Body are hereby tendered to Rep. MAYES for this beautiful and appropriate production.

Resolved, That the Ode, and remarks made by Rep. GAREY, of Maryland, and the above resolution, be spread upon the Journal.

Rep. FRENCH, of Indiana, rose in his place, and addressed the Lodge as follows:

M. W. GRAND SIRE: The task has been assigned me to offer a tribute to the memory of P. G. Representative DENNIS GREGG, of Indiana.

It was only at the last session that his credentials to a seat in this Grand Body were presented and accepted; the Journal of this session will record his death.

"So soon treads sorrow upon the heels of joy."

Brother GREGG died in the city of Indianapolis on the 14th day of October, 1865, in the 35th year of his age. He was no ordinary man. The character and position which he attained at comparatively so early an age exhibit his talent, energy, industry, and honorable ambition. Without adventitious advantages, and amid privations and peculiar difficulties calculated rather to dishearten than encourage, he manfully conquered every difficulty and pressed onward to the attainment of the noble purposes of life.

He was admitted into our Order in 1853. He was ever animated by the pure principles of Odd-Fellowship. His practical exemplification of his covenanted engagements to extend the sentiments of brotherhood and by this means remove the obstacles which interpose between the hearts of men; his fidelity to that obligation which requires of us all to assist each other in distress, help each other in want, counsel each other in difficulty, endeared him to his brethren and impelled them to honor him with positions, the highest in their gift.

After services in all the offices of his Subordinate with marked distinction, he was elected to represent it in the Grand Lodge of his State. Despite his natural diffidence and reticence, his peculiar talent, efficient services, and courteous deportment were marked and appreciated, and he was successively chosen as Grand Marshal, Grand Warden, Deputy Grand Master, and Grand Master. The succession of honors unparalleled in the case of any other in his State, were meritoriously bestowed, and worthily did he wear them.

In 1864, he was unanimously elected to represent his State Grand Lodge in this Grand Body, but disease, insidious disease, which had followed him so relentlessly through life, prevented his attendance; he was, however, admitted to membership, and to all his other honors may be added that of Grand Representative.

Brother GREGG was appreciated and beloved in all the relations of life—as a citizen, public officer, and eminently so as a husband, father, and friend. In a word, his whole life was marked with the majesty of goodness, and the commanding influence of greatness. But he has gone.

"Life's labor done,
Serenely to his final rest he passed;
While the soft memories of his virtues yet
Linger, like sunlight hues when the bright sun has set."

On motion of Rep. SIMPSON, of Pennsylvania, the Lodge proceeded to the consideration of reports of committees in the order in which they appear on the Journal.

The first reports, being from the majority and minority of the Committee on Non-Beneficial Membership, pages 3930, 3955, Journal, were considered.

Rep. STOKES, of Pennsylvania, moved to postpone the consideration of the subject until the report of the Legislative Committee on the same subject shall have been made, which was agreed to.

The next report, being from the Committee on Constitutions, on the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Michigan, page 3943, Journal, was considered and adopted.

The next report, being from the same committee, page 3943, Journal, on the Constitution of Rocky Mountain Lodge, No. 3, of Colorado, was considered and adopted.

The next report, being from the same committee, page 3943, Journal, on the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of New Jersey, was considered and adopted.

The next report, from the same committee, page 3944, Journal, on the Constitution of the Grand Encampment of Ohio, was considered and adopted.

The next report, being from the same committee, page 3952, Journal, on the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia, was considered and adopted.

The next report, being from the Committee on the State of the Order, on the decisions of the M. W. Grand Sire, page 3953, Journal, was considered.

Rep. THOMPSON, of Missouri, moved to amend, as follows:

Strike out the word "raffles," in the second line of the second resolution

Rep. BEELER, of West Virginia, moved further to amend as follows:

Add after the word "members," the words "unless sanctioned by the officers of the State Grand Bodies."

The question being on the amendment of Rep. BEELER, of West Virginia, it was not agreed to.

The question recurring on the amendment of Rep. THOMPSON, of Missouri, it was not agreed to.

The question recurring on the report and resolutions, they were adopted.

The next report, being from the same committee, page 3956, Journal, on the inquiry of Rep. STUART, of the District of Columbia, on the subject of benefits in the Encampment, was considered.

Rep. STUART, of District of Columbia, moved the following resolution, which was agreed to:

That the consideration of the report be postponed until the report of the minority committee on the same subject, submitted to-day, shall have been printed.

The next report, page 3958, Journal, from the Special Committee on the subject of the publication of a Tract, was considered, when—

Rep. LAMBERTON, of Pennsylvania, stated that the Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary of this Grand Lodge, by reason of his onerous and multiplied duties, having asked to be excused from the work of preparing the tract on Odd-Fellowship mentioned in the first resolution, he therefore moved to amend by striking out the whole of that resolution, and substituting in lieu thereof the following:

1. That a committee be appointed, to be composed of the present M. W. Grand Sire, the Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary, and three other members of this Body, to prepare a tract or pamphlet presenting the teachings, principles, purposes, and operations of the Order, to be submitted to the incoming M. W. Grand Sire.

The question being on the amendment of Rep. LAMBERTON, of Pennsylvania, it was adopted.

Rep. LAMBERTON, of Pennsylvania, moved further to amend as follows, which was agreed to:

Amend resolution second by inserting after the word prepared the words "and approved by the M. W. Grand Sire."

The question recurring on the report and resolution, as amended, they were adopted.

Rep. McKinstry, of Alabama, rose in his place, and addressed the Lodge as follows:

Most Worthy Grand Sire: The painful duty devolves on me to announce to the R. W. Grand Lodge the death of Past Grand Representative Joseph T. Wilson, of Alabama, who was my colleague in this Grand Lodge in 1858.

His death was sudden, and without any of the premonitions usually attending that event. He was stricken senseless while engaged in the ordinary vocations of his life, and died within a few moments, at Mobile, Alabama, on the 7th day of September, 1866, leaving a widow and children, and a large circle of devoted friends, who mourn his loss.

Early in his life he earnestly and actively engaged in the cause of Odd-Fellowship, and ever continued to do so, performing with credit to himself and usefulness to this Order, the duties of all of its stations of honor and trust, within the gift of the jurisdiction of Alabama, in all grades, to Grand Master and Grand Patriarch of Alabama.

For many years he was Grand Secretary and Grand Scribe of that jurisdiction, and at the time of his death was Grand Treasurer of the Grand Encampment, the duties of which he discharged, as he had discharged the duties of all offices he had entrusted to him, solely for the benefit of the Order, and with fidelity, diligence, and integrity.

On motion, the Lodge adjourned until to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock.

Thursday, September 20, 1866—9 o'clock A. M.

The R. W. Grand Lodge assembled pursuant to adjournment Present:

ISAAC M. VEITCH.....M. W. Grand Sire.
JAMES P. SANDERS.....R. W. Deputy Grand Sire.
JAMES L. RIDGELY.....R. W. Grand Cor. and Rec. Secretary.
JOSHUA VANSANT.....R. W. Grand Treasurer.
Rev. I. D. WILLIAMSON.....R. W. Grand Chaplain.
JOSEPH KIDDER.....R. W. Grand Marshal.
AUGUSTUS PFAFF.....R. W. Grand Guardian.
JOHN E. CHAMBERLAIN.....R. W. Grand Messenger.

And a representation from a quorum of Grand Bodies.

Prayer by Rev. Bro. I. D. Williamson, R. W. Grand Chaplain.

The R. W. Deputy Grand Sire, having examined the Representatives, by order of the M. W. Grand Sire, declared the Lodge open for business.

On motion, the reading of the Journal of yesterday was dispensed with.

Rep. LEECH, of Iowa, from the Committee on Credentials, made the following report, which was adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

Your committee have had submitted to them the credentials of P. G. M. EDWARD P. BANKS, appointed a Representative from the Grand Encampment of Maine, vice WM. C. BECKETT, resigned, and find the same correct, and in due form of law, and recommend that he be admitted to his seat in this R. W. Grand Lodge. Respectfully.

ERIE J. LEECH,
J. L. THOMPSON,
GEO. I. MILLER,
O. UTLEY,
E. C. GRANNISS.

Rep. SIMPSON, of Pennsylvania, moved the following resolution which was adopted:

Resolved, That a bound copy of the Journal and Digest of this Grand Lodge be presenaed to each Officer and Representative who has not previously received the same.

Rep. SCHIEFER, of Missouri, presented the following inquiry, which was referred to the Committee on the State of the Order:

Is the card of a brother stating his rank in the Order sufficient evidence to entitle the holder of the same to all the privileges the rank confers?

Rep. DONIPHAN, of Missouri, laid on the table the following amendment to the Constitution:

Amend sec. 5, of art. 1, by striking out the words "by a unanimous vote of this Grand Body," and inserting in lieu thereof the following: Such alteration or amendment shall have been proposed at a meeting of this Grand Lodge, and submitted to and approved by four-fifths of the Grand Bodies of this Jurisdiction, and passed by the vote of four-fifths of the members of this Grand Lodge, when such approval has been certified by the Grand Bodies to the Grand Lodge of the United States."

Rep. RANSOM, of Kentucky, moved the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the report of the Committee on the Wildey Monument, made on the occasion of the dedication of the Wildey Monument, September, 1865, be printed in the appendex to the Journal of the present session, and that the Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary prepare a statement, showing in detail the whole amount of receipts and expenditures on account of the Wildey Monument, to be added thereto.

Rep. HUNTER, of Louisiana, moved the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That this R. W. Grand Lodge use its utmost influence to effect a settlement of the claim of the Odd-Fellows' Hall Association of New Orleans against the Government of the United States, for rent, &c.

Resolved, That a committee of five be appointed by the M. W. Grand Sire to draw up a memorial petitioning the proper authorities at Washington to give the said claim immediate attention, and that the said memorial be signed by the members of this R. W. Grand Body.

Rep. WHITE, of New York, laid on the table the following amendment to the Constitution:

By Rep. WHITE, of New York, seconded by Reps. MILLARD, of New York, LEECH, of Iowa, and BURNHAM, of Maine:

Amend section 5 of article 1, by striking out the words "by a unanimous vote," and inserting in lieu thereof the words "with the consurrence of four-fifths of the members."

Rep. HODGES, of Massachusetts, laid on the table the following amendment to the Constitution:

By Rep. HODGES, of Massachusetts, seconded by Reps. TOWNSEND, of Connecticut, and BURNHAM, of Maine:

Amend Constitution of Grand Lodge of United States, section 5, article 1, by striking out the word "unanimous," and insert in lieu thereof the word "nine-tenths."

Rep. PAGE, of Wisconsin, from the Committee on Finance, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Finance recommended the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the R. W. Grand Treasurer be and is hereby instructed to invest from four to six thousand dollars of the surplus funds of this Grand Lodge in United States Bonds, of such class as the Treasurer in his judgment shall think most desirable.

H. L. PAGE,
R. D. LANDERS,
J. F. SCHIEFER,
T. C. COLEMAN,
JAMES SMITH.

Rep. STRATTON, of New Jersey, moved the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That P. G. Master ORR be requested to publish, in the American Odd-Fellow, the *Odd-Fellows' Ode*, written by Grand Rep. R. B. MAYES, of Mississippi, together with the music.

Rep. ALLEN, of California, submitted the following proceeding of the Grand Lodge of California, which was referred to the Legislative Committee:

Resolved, That our R. W. Grand Representative to the next session of the Grand Lodge of the United States be instructed to urge in that Body legislation providing that in those jurisdictions wherein a representative system

for membership of Grand Lodges has been adopted, the power to vote for Grand Officers shall be confined to such representatives.

Rep. FOSTER, of Michigan, moved the following resolution:

Resolved, That a copy of the Journal of this R. W. Grand Lodge be presented to the free library of the Public Schools of the city of Detroit, Michigan, together with any other publications relating to the history and progress of the Order which may be in the possession of the Grand Lodge.

On motion of Rep. MCKINSTRY, of Alabama, the resolution was laid on the table.

The Chair announced the following Special Committees:

Special Committee under resolution of Rep. Hunter, of Louisiana, relating to the claim of Odd-Fellows' Hall Association against the Government of the United States.—P. G. Sire J. A. KENNEDY, of New York; Reps. STUART, of District of Columbia; ELLIS, of Maryland; PAGE, of Wisconsin; KINGSBURY, of Maine.

Special Committee on Standard Tract provided for under the report of the Special Committee on that subject.—Reps. LAMBERTON, of Pennsylvania; FITZHUGH, of Virginia; MCKINSTRY, of Alabama.

Rep. SIMPSON, of Pennsylvania, moved the following resolution which was adopted:

Resolved, That immediately after the recess to-day the Grand Lodge will proceed to the consideration of Reports of Committees appearing on the printed Journal.

Rep. LANDERS, of Illinois, from the Committee on Finance, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Finance submit the following:

Resolved, That the sum of thirty dollars be allowed the Janitor, Bro. J. P. SCHWEITZER, for services in preparing this Grand Lodge room for the meetings of this Grand Body.

R. D. LANDERS,
H. L. PAGE,
J. F. SCHIEFER,
JAMES SMITH,
T. C. COLEMAN.

Rep. LEECH, of Iowa, moved the following resolution:

Resolved, That the action of this R. W. Grand Lodge had upon the report of the Legislative Committee to be found pages 3827-8 Journal of last session, be and the same is hereby repealed.

Rep. DURHAM, of Kentucky, moved to lay the resolution on the table, which was resolved in the negative.

The question recurred on the resolution of Rep. LEECH, of Iowa.

Pending the consideration of the question, the hour of 10 o'clock having arrived, fixed by special order for instruction in the secret work —

The Lodge, on motion, resolved itself into secret session.

After some time passed in secret session, the Lodge resumed its ordinary business —

When the hour of 12 o'clock having arrived, the Chair declared the Lodge at recess for thirty minutes, pursuant to the order to that effect.

TWELVE AND A HALF O'CLOCK.

The Lodge reassembled pursuant to the order for recess, when —

Rep. GRISWOLD, of Illinois, from the Legislative Committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Legislative Committee, to whom was referred so much of the annual report of the M. W. Grand Sire as relates to "a uniform law for the prohibition of expulsions for non-payment of dues," and the present law of suspensions for the same cause, have attentively considered the subject, and would report as follows:

It is a well recognized fact that, while heretofore hesitating to interpose its authority by positive enactment, this Grand Lodge has repeatedly and emphatically declared "that expulsions for non-payment of dues is an extreme punishment, confounds misfortune with crime; is not in accordance with the sublime principles of Odd-Fellowship, and is impolitic and unjust."

Notwithstanding these repeated admonitions, State Grand Bodies have almost uniformly failed to act upon the suggestions of this Grand Body, not, as your committee conceive, from any want of desire to comply with the oft expressed wishes of the Grand Lodge, but rather from inability to decide upon the proper course to be pursued with delinquent members, other than expelling or "dropping" them, and yet leave the rights and immunities of prompt paying members intact.

Recognizing, as your committee do, the inherent and unalienable right of Subordinates to control their members, they fell that any attempt to coerce, contract, or control adversely such vested rights, must be made advisedly and only after mature deliberation; and the mandate of this Grand Lodge, in any manner abridging these rights, should only issue after a full and clear showing of the inevitable necessity warranting such an interference. And while it is plain to your committee that the consequences of the late deplorable internecine war, whereby so large a number of the Subordinates of this jurisdiction was uprooted and their members dispersed, many of them compelled to seek new homes in other jurisdictions without means of recognition in the Order, added to recent important legislation by this Grand Body, made necessary, in part at least, by the circumstances just enumerated, whereby one of the landmarks of the organic law of our Order relative to suspended members has been changed from a specific to a general provision, all point to the absolute necessity of an analagous and fundamental change of the laws and usages of the Order relative to suspension and expulsion of members for non-payment of dues.

Your committee have spent much time and thought upon the matter, and have diligently considered numerous and various plans, in all their phases, and bearing upon the question at issue, for the accomplishment of this desirable change, hoping to find something to meet the exigencies of the occasion,

wherein the conflicting interests of paying and non-paying members might be made to harmonize, and the necessity of creating and recognizing two distinct classes of membership might be avoided. But, as yet, no feasible plan has been proposed whereby these ends could be attained, with any reasonable hope that it would meet the sanction of this Grand Body, or inure to the harmony and perpetuity of the Order at large.

Fully recognizing the absolute necessity of the enactment of some such law as proposed, and feeling assured that more lengthened and mature deliberation than the time now at the disposal of your committee will permit, would eventually fix upon a plan where, by a proper spirit of concession on the part of the Order at large, or, if needs be, by a mandate from the Grand Body cutting the Gordian knot, a satisfactory solution of the difficulties can be arrived at. Your committee would offer the following resolution, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject:

Resolved, That a special committee of five be appointed, to whom shall be referred the subject, with instructions to report a law prohibiting expulsions for non-payment of dues and regulating the suspension of members for the same cause, and report the same to this Grand Lodge at the next annual communication. All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. GRISWOLD,
EDW. H. FITZHUGH,
HENRY F. GAREY,
BENJ. KINGSBURY, JR.

Rep. GRISWOLD, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Legislative Committee, to whom was referred so much of the Grand Sire's Report as relates to acts of incorporation obtained by Subordinates, have considered the subject, and would report for the consideration of this Grand Body as follows, viz:

Resolved, That all acts of incorporation obtained by Subordinate Lodges or Encampments must be submitted to their several State Grand Bodies for approval before the same can be accepted and acted upon by such Subordinates, and it shall be the duty of such State Grand Bodies to see that such charters contain no provision inconsistent with the laws of this Order, and that the rights of property of the State Grand Bodies and of the said Subordinates in Lodges and Encampments are as fully protected as the legislative provisions of the several States will permit.

Respectfully submitted.

HENRY F. GAREY,
J. GRISWOLD,
E. H. FITZHUGH,
BENJ. KINGSBURY, JR.

Rep. FORD, of Massachusetts, from the Committee on Grand Bodies not represented, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Grand Bodies not represented have the pleasure to report the cheering intelligence that the Grand Body is represented from all its extensive and remote sections at the present session, with the exception of the British Lower Provinces. From various reports we learn that our Order in that locality is in a languishing condition, yet have full faith that

something may be done to revive an interest to build it up in a substantial way, and once more behold Odd-Fellowship in a flourishing condition; to that end we recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the M. W. Grand Sire be requested to appoint some suitable person to visit the British Lower Provinces for the purpose of reviving an interest in Odd-Fellowship in that jurisdiction, by personal interviews with the brethren, public lectures, or in such other way as shall secure the best interests of our Order in that locality.

WM. E. FORD,
SEWALL MORSE,
GEO. W. DAME,
JOHN P. FOSS,
GEO. DAMON.

Rep. BARBER, of Mississippi, from the Committee on Petitions, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Petitions to whom was referred the proceedings and resolution of the R. W. Grand Lodge of Iowa, (found on page 3940 Journal,) asking permission of this Grand Body to change the chartered location of said Grand Lodge of Iowa to such place as the said Grand Lodge, at its next session, may select, respectfully report:

That they have examined the matters referred and recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the R. W. Grand Lodge of Iowa have permission to change the location of said Grand Lodge to such place as the said Grand Lodge may select at its next session, and that said Grand Lodge of Iowa be required to inform the R. W. Grand Recording and Corresponding Secretary of this Grand Body of such change of location.

L. K. BARBER,
WILLIAM THAYER,
D. M'DONALD,
B. W. DENNIS,
EDWIN SWANTON.

Rep. GAREY, of Maryland, from the Legislative Committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Legislative Committee, to which was referred that portion of the report of the M. W. Grand Sire setting forth the misfortunes and desolation of the jurisdictions of the Southern States, and recommending some effective plan by which aid may be extended to them and the welfare of that portion of our beloved Order promoted, beg leave respectfully to report:

That the language of the M. W. Grand Sire truthfully represents the sad condition of our Southern brethren. "The destruction of their halls, Lodge rooms, furniture and regalia, by the ravages of war, was in some sections almost total and complete." During the session we have freely conferred with these brethren and have obtained valuable information regarding the condition and prospects of their separate jurisdictions. In many places large and zealous Lodges and Encampments have been left utterly destitute, without books, regalia, funds, or places of meeting, and so needy are the members that, with every disposition to reorganize and push on the work, the means are wanting for the bare necessaries which are required for a working Lodge or Encampment. Places have been cited where an organization might easily be effected and a necleus formed for a new career of prosperity with

very small pecuniary assistance, and where Grand Officers cannot go to gather up these fragments for want of money to pay their necessary expenses. In the mean time the orphan, the widow, and the destitute have increased beyond all precedent on their hands, and exhaust at once all the resources which they are able to command. The Order has been put back for years by these misfortunes, and will suffer yet more, unless speedy and effectual help be supplied, when, upon the other hand, by prompt effort and action much that is lost may be repaired and the Order started on a new and yet more prosperous career. Once in the South membership to many was but a social and fraternal tie, without regard to the peculiar features of the Order, but now it is mostly sought for all its advantages, including the help it affords the sick and the widow, and the protection extended to the fatherless. Our brethren of these jurisdictions, in the midst of all these calamities, have been silent, and have suffered without a murmur of complaint. They come among us strong in the faith of the resurrection and prosperity of their Lodges, and with noble energy have put their hands to the work of a thorough revival of the Order. They have appealed to our sympathies only by their silent sufferings, borne with manly fortitude, and have so far asked from us no material or pecuniary assistance. But this does not satisfy the brotherhood of the North, which escaped the ravages of the civil war. We feel assured that we but feebly utter their sentiments when we say that if the true condition of their unfortunate brethren was made known to them they would gladly and speedily, out of their rich abundance, cause "the wilderness and the solitary places to be glad," and the desert "to blossom as the rose."

We therefore propose to devise a general plan for the relief of our Southern brethren, and, by enlisting all the Grand Bodies of the North, East, and West, to draw from each and all the voluntary help which will restore to the Order the wide territory and great resources of this vital portion of our country.

We firmly believe, and so assert, that it only needs the information we have given, and the call about to be made, to induce generous Odd-Fellows of prosperous jurisdictions to rally as one man to the rescue, and to restore these bright jewels to the crown of the Order. We would further state that, although Texas has been a great sufferer and is much in need, especially as regards its Grand Encampment, yet its generous Representatives have requested to be excepted from any relief which we may propose, as they are confident that other jurisdictions of the South have much greater necessity for such relief at this time than has the Order in their State. To secure the great objects herein set forth, and meet this pressing exigency, we recommend the following, to wit:

Resolved, That so soon as this Body shall adjourn, the M. W. Grand Sire shall forthwith issue a circular directed to the Grand Lodges and Encampments under the jurisdiction of this R. W. Grand Lodge which have not been subjected to the ravages of the late civil war, setting forth the misfortunes and necessities of our brethren who have so greatly suffered from said cause; recommending the Grand Bodies of each of said jurisdictions to cause a circular to be issued to each of their Subordinates, calling their attention to the premises, and soliciting contributions for the aid of the Order in the South, and requiring them to pay the same to the R. W. Grand Secretary of each of said Grand Bodies.

Resolved, That the R. W. Grand Secretary of each Grand Body shall, as soon as may be, forward and pay all money received by them for said purpose to the R. W. Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary of this Body, who shall at once proceed to distribute the same *pro rata* among the several State jurisdictions of the States, respectively, of Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolinia, Georgia, Florida, Mississippi, Lousiana, Alabama, Tennessee, and Arkansas, and pay the same to the Grand Masters thereof.

Resolveed, That the distribution of the relief contemplated by the foregoing resolution shall be made under the advice and direction of the Grand Masters of the several State jurisdictions of said named States, and all pro-

ceedings hereunder by the R. W. Grand Recording and Corresponding Secretary shall be reported to the next session of this R. W. Grand Body.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

HENRY F. GAREY,
BENJ. KINGSBURY, JR.,
J. W. STOKES,
J. GRISWOLD.

Rep. RANSOM, of Kentucky, from the Special Committee on that subject, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The special committee appointed to prepare a form of funeral service, to be used in lieu of that now found in the Digest, recommend the adoption of the two forms herewith submitted, either of which may be used, at the option of the Lodge. The first was submitted by Rep. R. B. MAYES, of Mississippi, at the last session of this Grand Lodge. The other, with some few unimportant transpositions, is the production of Grand Chaplain WILLIAMSON, prepared several years ago for Subordinate jurisdictions.

A. H. RANSOM,
TEO. A. ROSS,
JOS. B. ESCAVAILLE,
R. B. MAYES,
E. H. BARRY.

FUNERAL SERVICE.

FIRST FORM BY REP. R. B. MAYES, OF MISS.

The coffin having been placed on supporters, extending across the grave, the Noble Grand will take his position at the head and the Vice Grand at the foot of the grave; the Past Grand on the right, and the Chaplain on the left, the brethren shall form in one or more circles around the grave, and the ceremony proceed as follows:

NOBLE GRAND.

My brethren, one of our Brotherhood sleepeth the sleep of death. In the sight of the congregation who are present here, and in the audience of God, we come to bury the dead out of our sight.

VICE GRAND.

The grave is ready for him, and he hath come to his long home. The eyes of those that have seen him shall see him no more. The eyes of God are upon him, and he is not.

Response.—Alas, my brother!

His days are past; his purposes are broken off. He hath no pleasure in his house after him. Though they come to honor, he knoweth it not; or though they be brought low, he perceiveth it not of them.

Response.—Alas, my brother!

As the cloud is consumed and vanisheth away, so he goeth down to the grave, and shall return no more to his house; neither shall his place any more behold him. We shall seek him in the morning, and he shall not be: for he goeth to the land of darkness, and of the shadow of death.

Response.—Alas, my brother!

NOBLE GRAND.

He cannot come to us, but we shall go to him; for we also are flesh, and our life draweth nigh to the grave.

Response.—Dying, we shall die.

The wise men die, likewise the foolish and the brutish person; men of low degree, and men of high degree. The arrogancy of the proud shall cease; the haughtiness of the terrible shall be laid low; the staff of the wicked, and the sceptre of the rulers, shall be broken. Their pomp shall be brought down to the grave, and they shall bow before the king of terrors.

Response.—Dying, we shall die.

They that trust in the abundance of their riches perish, and leave their wealth to others. Beauty shall consume in the grave, and he that is in honor abideth not. Childhood and youth are vanity, for the fashion of this world passeth away. And though we live a thousand years twice told, do not all go to one place?

Response.—Dying, we shall die.

We dwell in houses of clay, whose foundation is in the dust. Our days are passed away as the swift ships; as the eagle that hasteth to the prey. We die; we perish; we all perish. As the flood drieth up, so shall we lie down and rise not; we shall not awake, nor be raised out of our sleep till the heavens be no more.

Response.—Dying, we shall die.

PAST GRAND.

Yet, for those who have passed through the gates of death, let us not sorrow as those who have no hope; for we, my brethren, have a hope toward God that he shall quicken them again, and bring them up from the depths of the earth.

Response.—We shall rise again.

They that sleep in the dust shall awake when the morning appareth; for the Lord will ransom them from the power of the grave; he will redeem them from death. O death, he will be thy plagues; O grave, he will be thy destruction.

Response.—We shall rise again.

The Lord shall call, and I shall answer him. He will have a desire to the work of his hands, and my mortal body shall arise. For my Redeemer is the living One; and he, the Last, shall stand up over the dust. And though my skin shall be devoured, and worms destroy this body, yet in my flesh shall I see God; whom I shall see for myself, and mine eyes shall behold, and not another.

Response.—We shall rise again.

CHAPLAIN.

God made man upright, but the first father sinned. Thus, by one man, sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and forasmuch as all have sinned, all shall go down to the dust, both high and low, rich and poor together. But, in the fullness of time, there shall be a resurrection of the dead, both of the just and of the unjust. Some shall be raised to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt; for all nations shall be gathered before Him who is ready to judge the quick and the dead—multitudes, multitudes, in the valley of decision. Then will he lay judgment to the line

and righteousness to the plummet. Then will he bring to light the hidden things of darkness, and make manifest the counsels of the hearts. Then shall every one of us give account to God, for every purpose and for every work, with every secret thing, whether it be good or whether it be evil.

Knowing, therefore, the terror of the Lord, what manner of persons ought we to be, in all holy conversation and godliness, looking for and hasting unto the coming of the day of God? It remaineth that we walk circumspectly; not as fools, but as wise, redeeming the time; for we have none assurance of our life, and know not the day of our death. Let us, therefore, cast off the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light. Let us use the world as not abusing it, that we may be found of the Lord in peace, without spot and blameless.

Take heed, my brethren, and all ye that hear, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief, in departing from the living God. If ye seek him, he will be found of you; but if ye forsake him, he will cast you off forever. Behold! now is the accepted time; behold! now is the day of salvation. Seek ye the Lord while he may be found; call upon him while he is near. Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; and let him return unto the Lord, and he will have mercy upon him, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

Response.—Amen.

NOBLE GRAND.

[Holding up the regalia of the degree of the deceased.]

This is the token of the degree of our deceased brother. Let each of us give all diligence to attain to a good degree, both in the life that is, and in the life that is to come.

Response.—Let us be diligent.

The Noble Grand shall hand the regalia to the Past Grand, who shall spread it on the coffin.

NOBLE GRAND.

And now shall the dust return to the earth as it was; for the spirit hath returned unto God who gave it.

The coffin shall be lowered into the grave, during which some appropriate hymn may be sung, or a dirge may be performed by a band.

[After the hymn the evergreen shall be cast into the grave.]

If there be a band in attendance, a solemn dirge shall be played while the brothers cover the coffin and fill the grave. Then the brothers shall resume their places and the ceremony be continued.

VICE GRAND.

Our brother is free among the dead.

NOBLE GRAND.

Yea, for he that is dead is freed from sin.

PAST GRAND.

He hath gone to the house appointed for all living.

CHAPLAIN.

The small and the great are there.

VICE GRAND.

There they hear not the voice of the oppressor.

NOBLE GRAND.

There the wicked cease from troubling.

PAST GRAND.

There the weary be at rest.

CHAPLAIN.

The Lord gave, and the Lord hath taken away.

Response.

Blessed be the name of the Lord!

CHAPLAIN.

Let us lift up our heart with our hands unto God in the heavens.

Each Brother shall respond, to every prayer, "Amen."

Each Brother shall raise his right hand, and repeat, after the Chaplnin, the following general Confession and Prayer.

O holy, holy, holy Lord of hosts; the mighty God, the everlasting Father; the Prince of peace in whose hand is the soul of every living thing, and the breath of all mankind: thou only hast immortality. In thy favor is life, and thy loving kindness is better than life. But we, who stand this day before the Lord, have all offended against thee; for there is no man that sinneth not. We have done perversely; we have committed wickedness; we have departed from our God, and walked after the imagination of our own heart; therefore is the curse poured upon us and we must needs die. Righteous is thy judgment, O Lord, and unto us belongeth confusion of face. But with thee are mercy and forgiveness; with thee is plenteous redemption, though we have rebelled against thee. We beseech thee, O Lord, we beseech thee, let thine anger be turned back from us. Be merciful unto us, O God, be merciful unto us. Cast us not away from thy presence, but hide thy face from our sins, and blot out all our misdeeds. Create in us clean hearts, and renew right spirits within us, that we may fear that glorious and fearful name, the Lord our God, and serve the Lord in thruth with all our heart. And let us be saved in the Lord with an everlasting salvation: let us not be ashamed nor confounded, world without end.—*Amen.*

Here the Chaplain and the Brothers say, alternately,

O Lord, hear.
O Lord, hear.
O Lord, forgive.
O Lord, forgive.
O Lord, hearken, and do.
O Lord, hearken, and do.

Then shall the Chaplain say the following Thanksgiving and Prayer for all assembled.

O Thou, unto whom belong the issues from death: thou art our life, and the length of our days. We give thanks unto thee, and praise thy name, O most High, because thou hast spared us from the pestilence that walketh in the darkness, and from the sickness that wasteth at noonday; thou hast blessed and helped us hitherto, and thou daily loadest us with benefits, according to the multitude of thy tender mercies. O continue thy loving kindness as heretofore. And when the waves of death shall compass us, uphold us with thy Holy Spirit, and give unto us the joy of thy salvation; and when we go hence, our flesh shall rest in hope, and we shall awake in thy likeness, and behold thy face in righteousness, for evermore.—*Amen.*

If the deceased shall have died without kindred, or far from them, the Chaplain shall say the following prayer, omitting one of the parallel columns, as the circumstances may require.

O Lord, who lovest and preservest the stranger, our brother is gathered to his grave

without a wife or kinsman of his flesh. There is none

far from his kinsfolks and his friends. There is none here

to mourn for him, save us, to whom he was a brother beloved. May his decease put us in remembrance that we are strangers and sojourners before Thee, and that our days on the earth are as a shadow. O Lord God, prepare our hearts to Thee, and make us more zealous of good works. And let charity and tender compassion fill the whole world. Hear us for thine own sake, O Lord, our God; for we do not present our supplications before Thee for our righteousness, but for thy great mercies. And let thy name be magfied forever.—*Amen.*

In the following prayer for the widow of the deceased, or for any one or more persons sorely afflicted by his death, the personal pronoun must be varied to suit the circumstances.

Thou high and lofty One, who inhabitest eternity; who dwellest in the high and holy place, and with those also who are of contrite and humble spirit; and who art a refuge in times of trouble: O hear the bitter weeping of *her* whom thou hast bruised and put to grief. May *she* not rebel against Thee in *her* heart, but say, "It is the Lord; let him do what seemeth him good." As thou hast smitten, O Lord, bind up. Even as one whom a mother comforteth, so comfort thou *her* that mourneth. After that she hath suffered awhile, O Lord, the God of all grace, wipe away the tears from off *her* face and turn her mourning into joy. In the shadow of thy wings may she make *her* refuge until this calamity be overpast. And in the sanctuary which thy hands have established, O Lord, give *her* an inheritance incorruptible, undefiled, and that fadeth not away. And unto Him who ascended on high, led captivity captive, and received gifts for men—to the only wise God, our Saviour—be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and ever.—*Amen.*

In the following prayer for the child or children of the deceased, the personal pronoun must be varied to suit the circumstances.

O Thou, mighty Redeemer of the fatherless, in whom they find mercy; unto Thee we commit the cause of the young child of our deceased brother. Deliver him out of all of his afflictions; redeem him from evil; lead him by the way that *he* should go; be merciful to him and bless him all his life long.

O Thou, from whom cometh wisdom, do thou instruct to discretion whosoever shall be in a father's stead to him, that he may be brought up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord. May the everlasting arms be underneath *him.* Carry him in thy bosom as a nursing father beareth the suckling child, and save, we beseech thee, save *his* soul, for thy mercies sake, and for the glory of thy holy name.—*Amen.*

In the following prayer, for all who are afflicted by the death of the deceased, either or both of the parallel columns may be read or omitted, to suit the occasion.

O Lord, the Father of mercies, the God of all comfort, our Saviour and Redeemer, who hearest the cry and maintainest the cause of the afflicted: be thou the father of the fatherless, whom thou hast bereaved;

be thou the trust of the widow, whom thou hast made desolate;

have thou compassion upon those that be of heavy heart by reason of the shadow of death. As thou hast given them correction, may they give thee reverence. As thou carest for them, may they cast all their care upon thee, and humble themselves under thy mighty hand, that thou mayest in due time

lift them up. Make them to know that thou dost not chasten them for thine own pleasure, but for their profit, that they may be partakers of thy holiness. And though the chastening, for the present, seemeth to be very grievious, may it yield unto them the peaceable fruit of righteousness. May they be brought into subjection unto thee, the Father of spirits, and live. Yea, when they shall sleep in the dust of the earth, may they awake to everlasting life, and shine as the brightness of the firament, for ever and ever. —*Amen.*

A Prayer for the attending Brothers.

O Thou, who givest us richly all things to enjoy, let thine ear, we entreat thee, be attentive to the prayer which thy servants pray before thee for as many of the Brotherhood as are here present. Make them to consider their last end; to know how frail they are; to apply their hearts unto wisdom; to work while it is day, for the night cometh when no man can work. Open unto them thy good treasure, and bless all the work of their hand. While they are yet in the light of the living, let brotherly love continue. May they not love in word, neither in tongue, but in deed and in truth. May they be all of one mind, and of one heart—compassionate, courteous, given to hospitality, rich in good works, ready to distribute, willing to communicate; laying up in store for themselves a good foundation against the time to come, that they may lay hold on eternal life.—*Amen.*

A Prayer for the whole Order..

O Thou, who hast made the earth, and created man upon it for thy glory, be pleased to bless the Fellowship everywhere, and at all times, as the matter shall require. Make all grace abound toward them, that they, having sufficiency in all things, may abound in every good work. Make them a thousand times so many more as they are, and plant them in all lands, assuredly, with thy whole heart and with thy whole soul. Let there be no divisions among them, and no contentions; but let them be perfectly joined together, having one heart and one way; fearing thee forever for their good, and loving the Lord our God, that they may obey thy voice and cleave unto thee. May they not be slothful, but do with their might what their hand findeth to do; for the time is short, and there is no work in the grave, whither they go. May they remember those who suffer adversity, lodge the stranger, relieve the afflicted, love as brethren, keep steadfast in their covenant, diligently follow every good work, and glorify thy holy name. *Amen.*

A Prayer for all mankind, and for the triumph of God's Kingdom.

O Lord, the true God, the living God, the everlasting King, who hast made of one blood all nations of men, to dwell on all the face of the earth, with thee there is no respect of persons, but in every nation thou acceptest him that feareth thee and worketh righteousness. Thou King of kings, and Lord of lords, hearken to our prayer and our supplication for all men, for kings, and all who are in authority. Raise them up in righteousness; give them wise and understanding hearts, and direct all their ways, that they may be just, ruling in the fear of God; to the end that those who are under their authority may lead quiet and peaceable lives, and that the word of the Lord may have free course and be glorified. Bless, also, all the inhabitants of the world, and dwellers on the earth. Feed them with food convenient for them, and satisfy them with good. And for thine own sake, O Lord, for thine own sake, open the eyes of the blind, and unstop the ears of the deaf, that thy name may be known upon earth, thy saving health among all nations. Be thou their God. Take thou all people for thy inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth for thy possession. Forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more. Turn them from transgression, and incline their hearts to thee, that all nations whom thou hast made may worship thee, O Lord,

and glorify thy name. Put thy law in their inward parts; write it in the fleshy tables of the heart; that they may esteem the words of thy mouth more than their necessary food. Make thou wars to cease unto the end of the earth; break the bow, cut the spear in sunder, and burn the chariot in the fire. For all that is in heaven and in the earth is thine, thine the greatness, the power, the glory, the victory, the majesty, and the kingdom, O Lord; and thou art exalted as head above all. Blessed be thou for ever and ever.—*Amen.*

The ceremonies shall conclude with the following Benediction.

The Lord bless and keep us.
The Lord make his face to shine upon us, and be gracious unto us.
The Lord lift up his countenance upon us, and give us peace. *Amen and Amen.*

FUNERAL SERVICE.

SECOND FORM, BY G. C. I. D. WILLIAMSON.

The coffin having been placed on supporters extending across the grave, the Noble Grand will take his position at the head, the Vice Grand at the foot of the grave; the Past Grand on the right and the Chaplain on the left; the brethren shall form in one or more circles around the grave, and the ceremony proceed as follows:

NOBLE GRAND.

We have assembled, my beloved brethren, on this mournful occasion, to render the last tribute of our attachment and affection to a departed brother. We come not as men came in days of old, with loud lamentations and feigned words of sorrow, unaccompanied with the feelings of the heart; but we come in sincerity and in truth, to sympathize with the weeping mourners, and to express our undissembled sorrow at the loss of one whom we hailed as our brother, and who was bound to us by ties beautifully illustrative of the strong and enduring bonds of nature. It is a melancholy office to commit even the stranger to the bosom of the earth—but when death invades that little circle which we consider as our family, and cuts down a brother by our side, then we feel that the "pale terrific king" has come near us, and with sad hearts we gather around the grave, painfully sensible that "in the midst of life we are in death."

But man is the erring creature, God the all-wise Creator; He who gave life and spirit to all creation is daily and hourly, and even momentarily carrying out the gracious plans of his government, by such means as He seeth to be necessary and proper. It becomes us, therefore, to bow in meek submission to the will of Him whose plans are too vast and high for our comprehension, and to comfort our hearts with the assurance that, however dark and inscrutable are the ways of the Great Divinity, He orders all things well; and in the sunshine and the storm, is alike too wise to err, and too good to be unkind.

Departed Brother! though we now commit all that is mortal of thee to the dark and silent tomb, and though the clods of the valley shall soon be cast upon thee, and each returning season shall cover thy grave with the sod or the frost, yet in sincerity will thy surviving brethren cherish thy memory in their hearts, emulate thy virtues, and forget and forgive thy faults, "for there is no man that liveth and sinneth not."

Farewell to thee, departed brother. May the God of our fathers receive thee to his bosom, and may that all-gracious Being who "marks the sparrow's fall" and "hears the young ravens when they cry," provide for thine orphans and comfort thy widow, that the night of their sorrows may be succeeded by the morning of joy, and the bow of promise and of hope be

seen in the clouds that now surround them. To the last and silent retreat of all, we now in sorrow consign thee; but we will not forget thee—we will follow thee beyond the grave, and as the evergreen shall thy memory be verdant in our recollection, and we will hope to meet thee where parting scenes shall be known no more.—Amen.—[*and let all the brethren lift up their right hand to heaven and say*]—*Amen.*

The brethren shall place their right hand upon their left breast, and so remain while the Chaplain repeats the following

PRAYER.

Almighty and most merciful God! Thou who art the resurrection and the life, and in whom is centered all perfection, glory and goodness, hear, we beseech thee, the prayer of thy feeble creatures here assembled, and turn not away from our unworthy supplications. In the wise dispensation of thy most holy providence, it hath pleased thee to call from amongst us a brother whom we loved; and we, the surviving monuments of thy great mercy, are gathered around the tomb to mourn our loss, and commit his remains to the parent earth. Receive his spirit, Oh, most merciful God, to thy presence, where is fullness of joy and pleasures forever more.

Bless, oh Heavenly Father, the brethren here assembled—imbue us with the wisdom of thy laws and the spirit of thy love, that we may faithfully discharge every duty, and cheerfully abide all the trials of this mortal state. Bless, we beseech thee, our beloved Order throughout the globe—preserve its principles in their purity—sustain it from the shafts of its enimies—protect it from self-immolation, and shield it alike from external and internal evil. And, oh God, grant that we may carry our principles into practice in such a manner that the fruit of our works may be seen in the alleviated condition of suffering humanity everywhere. May we so walk that the widow and the fatherless shall speak forth the praises of our Order, and the blessing of him that was ready to perish come upon our heads.

[*If no widow, omit the following.*]

Hear, oh Lord, our prayer, and let the voice of our supplication come up accepted before Thee, in behalf of the bereaved widow, whom it has pleased Thee to add to the number of the disconsolate. Grant unto her, we beseech Thee, the sweet influences of thy Holy Spirit, to sustain and comfort her in this hour of deepest sorrow. Oh Thou, who art the widow's God and guide, we humbly pray Thee to pour down from on high the rich blessings of thy grace, and the consolations of thy truth, that the light of thy countenance may shine upon the darkness of her woes, and enable her to say from the heart, "The Lord gave and the Lord hath taken away; blessed be the name of the Lord."

[*If no children, omit the following.*]

Oh Most Holy Father! hear us when we pray for the dear children that are left without a father's care. Be thou their father and their God—guide them through the perilous journey of life by thy wisdom, and shield them from its dangers by thy mighty power. If the hand of oppression or wrong shall be laid upon them, and their cry shall come up before thee, oh do Thou plead their cause, and make bare in their defence that arm which is never shortened that it cannot save. Though they must now tread the path of life alone, and though "rocks and dangers fill the way," yet, oh Lord, may they be safely guided to its end, and be received at last to the habitation of God on high. Hear, oh God, we beseech Thee, our prayer, and give us gracious answers of peace, and to thy name be all the glory forever.—*Amen.*

[*The brethren may sing an appropriate Ode, at the conclusion of which they shall cast the sprig of evergreen into the grave. The earth being thrown upon the coffin, the Chaplain will repeat the following.*]

"The dust shall return to the earth as it was, but the spirit to God who gave it." We have committed the body to the earth, looking for the resurrection and the life of the world to come. Our duty to our departed brother is done, and there remains no more that we can do for him on earth. But there are duties still owing to the widow and the orphan. We are bound by the most sacred obligations, as well as by the dictates of religion and humanity, to protect, succor, and relieve the widow and the fatherless. I admonish you to perform that duty faithfully. Remember, remember the widow and the orphan.

[*The brethren shall lift up their hands and say—we will remember them.*]

HYMNS FOR FUNERAL SERVICE.

I.

Solemn strikes the funeral chime,
Notes of our departing time,
As we journey here below,
Through a pilgrimage of woe!

Mortals now indulge a tear,
For mortality is near!
See how wide her trophies wave
O'er the slumbers of the grave!

Here another guest we bring:
Seraphs of celestial wing,
To our funeral altar come—
Waft this friend and brother home.

God of all!—below—above—
Fill our hearts with Truth and Love!
When dissolves our earthly tie,
Take us to thy Lodge on high.

II.

Bending sadly o'er thy form,
Late with love and friendship warm,
Brother, in our night of grief,
What shall give our hearts relief?

Shrined within this mortal clay,
Such a loving spirit lay,
That we shrink with half distrust,
Ere we give it back to dust.

Charity's unfading light,
Honor's lustre pure and bright,
Truth's effulgent radiance blest,
Ever filled that faithful breast.

Generous manliness and grace
Found a constant 'biding place
In the face now closed and dark,
Quenched its late illuming spark.

Brother, from thy heavenly rest,
From thy home among the blest,
Come, in angel guise, to cheer
Those who sorrow for thee here!

From that radiant Lodge on high
Comes to us this glad reply:
"Mourn not!" For the path he's trod
One degree is nearer God!

III.

Brother, to thy grave we come,
At the beat of muffled drum,
Hearts with silent grief oppressed,
Bear thee to thy home of rest.

Voices from the sighing breeze,
From the woods and leafless trees,
And the faded autumn leaf,
Will remind us of our grief.

Tho' in the Grand Lodge above,
We remember thee in love,
Yet our Lodge has lost thee here
'Tis for this we shed a tear.

In the earth we lay thee low,
Yet upon thy grave shall grow
Evergreens like these we bring
As our last sad offering.

IV.

Why this deep and awful gloom,
  Sighs and bitter weeping?
He whose mansion is the tomb
  Is not dead, but sleeping.

We with him our place shall take;
  Lo, the hour is nearing!
He with us shall surely wake
  At the Lord's appearing.

Lord, ere life with us shall cease,
  Pardon all our errors;
Let us see thy face in peace,
  In that day of terrors.

On motion, the Lodge again resolved itself into secret session.

After some hours passed in secret session, the Lodge resumed its ordinary business, when—

The special order, to wit, the consideration of reports of committees as they appear on the Journal, was resumed.

The first report, being from the Committee on the State of the Order, page 3959, Journal, on the inquiry of Rep. NORCROSS, of California, as to the right of Subordinates to appropriate their funds for anniversary celebrations, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 3960, Journal, from the special committee on the subject of the form of funeral processions, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 3962, Journal, from the Committee on Petitions, confirming the warrants issued by the Grand Sire during the recess for the Encampments and Lodges therein designated, was considered and adopted.

The next report, from the same committee, page 3962, Journal, authorizing a charter for the Grand Lodge of Nevada, was considered and adopted.

The next report, from the same committee, page 3963, Journal, authorizing a charter for the Grand Encampment of Kansas, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 3964, Journal, from the Committee on the Wildey Monument, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 3965, Journal, from the Legislative Committee, upon that portion of the Grand Sire's report relating to the Order in British North America, and the resolutions accompanying, were considered and adopted.

The next report, from the same committee, page 3966, Journal, on the petition of the Grand Lodge of New York, asking that the proper officers of the said Grand Lodge be authorized to confer the official honors upon the officers of Subordinate Lodges under the circumstances stated, was considered and adopted.

The next report, from the same committee, page 3967, Journal, on the resolution of Rep. ELLIS, of Maryland, and the amendment of Rep. BARRY, of Indiana, page 3853, Journal, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 3967, Journal, from the same committee, upon the resolution of Rep. DONIPHAN, of Missouri, upon the subject

of "what is satisfactory evidence of former connection with the Order," was considered and adopted.

The next report, from the same committee, page 3968, Journal, upon the resolution of Rep. FORD, of Massachusetts, page 3956 Journal, was considered.

Rep. HODGES, of Massachusetts, moved the following resolution, which was not agreed to:

That the report of the Legislative Committee, page 3967, Journal, be recommitted, with instructions to report in favor of the second resolution of Rep. FORD, of Massachusetts, page 3956, Journal.

The question being on the report, it was adopted.

The next report, page 3968, Journal, from the Committee on Constitutions, on the Constitution of the Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment of West Virginia, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 3969, Journal, from the same committee, on the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 3969, Journal, from the same committee, on the Constitution and By-Laws of Colorado Lodge, was considered.

Rep. WHITE, of New York, chairman of the committee, on leave granted, amended the report as follows:

That the word "one," in section two of article two, be stricken out, and that the word "two," in the same section, be stricken out, and the word "three," inserted in lieu thereof.

And the report, as amended, was adopted.

The next report, page 3970, Journal, from the same committee, on the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Ohio, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 3970, Journal, from the Committee on Finance, remitting the representative tax for 1865 of the Grand Lodge and Grand Encampments therein named, was considered and adopted.

The next report, from the same committee, page 3970, Journal, upon the books and accounts of the Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary, and of the Grand Treasurer, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 3971, Journal, from the same committee, appropriating moneys to pay the travelling expenses of Rep. TERWILLIGER, of New York, as a member of the Committee on Revision, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 3971, Journal, from the same committee, on the claim of Excelsior Lodge, No. 1, Honolulu, Sandwich Islands, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 3972, Journal, from the same committee, fixing the price of supplies, was considered.

Rep. SIMPSON, of Pennsylvania, moved to amend by reducing the price of cards to twenty cents, which was agreed to, and the report was adopted, as amended.

The next report, page 3972, Journal, from the same committee, on the estimates of receipts and expenditures for the current year, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 3973, Journal, from the same committee, appropriating money to pay the postage and express expenses of the M. W. Grand Sire, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 3978, Journal, from the Committee on Correspondence, on the correspondence of the M. W. Grand Sire and the R. W. Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 3979, Journal, from the Committee on Unfinished Business, was considered and adopted.

The next report, pages 3955 and 3981, Journal, being of the majority and minority of the Committee on the State of the Order, on the inquiry of Rep. STUART, page 3927, Journal, being under consideration —

Rep. HYLAND, of West Virginia, moved that the Lodge now adjourn, which was resolved in the negative.

The question being on the adoption of the majority report of the committee, page 3955, Journal —

Rep. STUART, of District of Columbia, moved the following resolution:

Resolved, That the inquiry from the Grand Encampment of the District of Columbia be referred to the Legislative Committee with instructions to report a limit to the time when a brother who may be in arrears to his Lodge, and not in arrears in his Encampment, shall continue in good standing in his Encampment, and that the Committee on the State of the Order be discharged from the consideration of the subject.

Pending the consideration of the resolution, the Lodge adjourned until 9 o'clock to-morrow morning.

FRIDAY, September 21, 1866—9 o'clock A. M.

The R W. Grand Lodge assembled pursuant to adjournment. Present:

ISAAC M. VEITCH.....M. W. Grand Sire.
JAMES P. SANDERS.....R. W. Deputy Grand Sire.
JAMES L. RIDGELY.....R. W. Grand Cor. and Rec. Secretary.
JOSHUA VANSANT.....R. W. Grand Treasurer.
REV. I. D. WILLIAMSON.....R. W. Grand Chaplain.
JOSEPH KIDDER.....R. W. Grand Marshal.
AUGUSTUS PFAFF.....R. W. Grand Guardian.
JOHN E. CHAMBERLAIN.....R. W. Grand Messenger.

And a representation from a quorum of Grand Bodies.

Prayer by Rev. Bro. I. D. WILLIAMSON, R. W. Grand Chaplain.

The R. W. Deputy Grand Sire, having examined the Representatives, by order of the M. W. Grand Sire declared the Lodge open for business.

On motion, the reading of the Journal was dispensed with.

Rep. BRAGG, of Arkansas, rose in his place and addressed the Lodge as follows:

MOST WORTHY GRAND SIRE: Upon me devolves the sad duty of announcing to this Grand Body the death of two of its Past Grand Representatives from the jurisdiction of Arkansas: Past Grand Master and Past Grand Representative CHAS. B. MITCHELL, and Past Grand Representative WM. H. ETTER. Both Grand Representatives were for many years active members of the Grand Lodge of Arkansas. I do not propose to pronounce an eulogy upon the character and services of our deceased brothers, but merely to announce their names that they may be placed upon the obituary tablet beside those honored names who have gone before them.

Brothers MITCHELL and ETTER were for many years active and zealous co-workers in the vineyard of Odd-Fellowship, using their time and talents for the promotion of those exalted and benevolent principles taught by our beloved Order. It is unnecessary for me to undertake to enumerate their many virtues, suffice it to say that in their walks of life they possessed the confidence and esteem of their fellow citizens, and the unbounded confidence of the Fraternity of Arkansas. In their death Odd-Fellowship has lost two of its most exemplary members, and the community two good, kind and beloved citizens.

Brothers MITCHELL and ETTER died at their residences in Arkansas. Of the date of their deaths I am not apprised, but will forward them to the Grand Secretary in time to be inserted in the proceedings of this session of the Grand Lodge. They have gone to their graves, but their deeds remain as monuments of their worth, and their memories will survive them as the evening glories survive the peaceful sunset.

The Lodge now resumed the consideration of the amendment pending at the time of adjournment, to wit, the reports of the majority and minority of the Committee on the State of the Order, on the inquiry of Rep. STUART, of District of Columbia, on page 3927, Journal.

The question being on the resolution of Rep. STUART, of District of Columbia, to refer the reports to the Legislative Committee with instructions, it was not agreed to.

The question recurring on the adoption of the majority report of the Committee on the State of the Order, it was resolved in the affirmative.

The next report, page 3982, Journal, of the Committee on Petitions, on the subject of transferring Utah Lodge, No. 1, of Utah, to the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Nevada, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 3982, Journal, of the Legislative Committee, on extending the privileges of the constitutional amendment relating to suspensions for non-payment of dues, adopted at the last session, to the Subordinate Lodges and Encampments under the immediate jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of the United States, was considered and adopted.

The next report, from the same committee, page 3982, Journal, on the subject of conferring the Grand Lodge degree, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 3983, Journal, of Committee on Returns, on the returns of Grand and Subordinate Bodies, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 3984, Journal, of the Committee on Printing, was considered and adopted.

On motion of Rep. LEECH, of Iowa, the Lodge agreed to consider the majority report of the Special Committee on Non-Beneficial Membership, page 3930, Journal, which being under consideration—

Rep. LEECH, of Iowa, moved to postpone the further consideration of the subject until the next session, which was adopted.

By unanimous consent—Rep. LOGAN, of Kansas, moved the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That this Grand Lodge will dispense with the usual recess and adjourn *sine die* at 2 o'clock to-day.

Rep. SHARP, of Delaware, moved the following resolution:

Resolved, That the R. W. Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary be requested to notify all the Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments under the jurisdiction of this R. W. Grand Lodge, by circular or otherwise, prior to the next session of said Bodies, that the revision of the work of the Order will come before this R. W. Grand Lodge, at its next session, for its action

Rep. THOMPSON, of Missouri, moved to lay the resolution on the table, which was agreed to.

The Lodge resumed the special order, to wit, the consideration of the reports of committees in the order in which they appear upon the Journal.

The next report, page 3991, Journal, of the Committee on Finance, recommending the investment of funds, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 3992, of the same committee, appropriating $30 to J. F. SCHWEITZER for preparing the saloon for the occupancy of the Grand Lodge, was considered and adopted.

On motion of Rep. GRISWOLD, of Illinois, the Lodge agreed to consider the report of the Special Committee on the Degree of Rebekah, page 3795 Journal of last session.

Which being under consideration —

Rep. ESCAVAILLE, of Maryland, moved to postpone the further consideration of the subject until the next session, which was adopted.

Rep. ALLEN, of California, rose in his place, and, having addressed the Lodge on the subject of the death of P. G. Rep. SAMUEL H. PARKER, of California, made a formal presentation to the Grand Lodge of the United States, on behalf of Templar Lodge, No. 72, of that jurisdiction, of a beautiful wreath, composed of flowers taken from the coffin of the deceased.

On motion of Rep. DONIPHAN, of Missouri, the presentation was accepted unanimously, the vote thereon being taken by the Lodge rising.

The next report, page 3993, Journal, of the Legislative Committee, on the subject of "a uniform law to prohibit expulsion for non-payment of dues," was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 3994, Journal, from the same committee, in relation to acts of incorporation obtained by Subordinates, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 3994, Journal, of the Committee on Grand Bodies not represented, was considered.

On motion of Rep. FORD, of Massachusetts, the report was recommitted to the committee.

The next report, page 3995, Journal, of the Committee on Petitions, on the petition of the Grand Lodge of Iowa, asking authority to change the chartered place of its meeting, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 3995, Journal, of the Legislative Committee, on that portion of the M. W. Grand Sire's report relating to the desolation of Southern jurisdictions, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 3997, Journal, being from the Special Committee on the Funeral Ceremony, was considered.

On motion of Rep. BURNHAM, of Maine, the further consideration of the subject was postponed until the next annual session.

The Lodge now proceeded to the consideration of the subject pending at the hour of going into secret session on yesterday, to wit, the resolution of Rep. LEECH, of Iowa, page 3992, Journal, as follows:

Resolved, That the action of this R. W. Grand Lodge had upon the report of the Legislative Committee to be found pages 3827-8 Journal of last session, be and the same is hereby repealed.

The subject being under consideration —

Rep. WHITE, of New York, moved the following resolution:

Resolved, That so much of the resolution, found on pages 3827 and 3828 of the Journal, 1865, as requires the vote to be by ballot, and as requires the granting of a certificate on the resignation of a member, be repealed.

Rep. GRISWOLD, of Illinois, moved to postpone the consideration of the subject to the next annual session, which was adopted.

Rep. GRISWOLD, of Illinois, from the Legislative Committee, made the following report:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Legislative Committee, to whom was referred so much of the report of the M. W. Grand Sire as relates to irregularities in the practice of the Degree of Rebekah, have had the subject under consideration and would report:

That if the action of this Grand Body, already had in throwing safeguards around this degree, has not been sufficient to prevent the irregularities referred to, your committee are at loss what further action to advise, that would be more obligatory upon State Grand Lodges than the instructions already promulgated for their government in this particular. They would therefore offer for your consideration the following, to wit:

Resolved, That the attention of State Grand Lodges is again earnestly called to the instructions and laws of this Grand Body in relation to Union Rebekah Degree Lodges, and that all societies purporting to be connected with this Order, under the name of "Rebekah," in whatever form they may be, shall not be countenanced or permitted by them.

The Degree can only be conferred or worked in open Lodge, with the regular Lodge officers presiding, and any departure from this plan of working in this degree is irregular and hereby forbidden.

Your committee would ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the several communications referred to them from various jurisdictions as to the repeal of the Degree of Rebekah, and that the whole subject of repeal await the action of this Grand Body upon the report of a former special committee, laid over till next session. Respectfully submitted.

HENRY F. GAREY,
J. GRISWOLD,
EDWD. F. FITZHUGH,
BENJ. KINGSBURY, JR.

On motion of Rep. SIMPSON, of Pennsylvania, the rule was suspended and the report considered.

Rep. BARRY, of Indiana, moved to postpone the further consideration of the subject until the next session, which was agreed to.

Rep. FARNSWORTH, of Tennessee, presented sundry papers relative to destruction of Lodges and Lodge property in Tennessee during the late war, and moved their reference to the same committee to which has been referred similar papers from the jurisdiction of Louisiana, which was agreed to.

Rep. LAMBERTON, of Pennsylvania, moved the following resolution:

For the excellent reasons contained in the report of the Legislative Committee, page 3995, Journal, and because the Grand Lodge of the United States should be an exemplar of the principles of love and relief held by our Order, be it

Resolved, That the sum of one thousand dollars is hereby appropriated by this Grand Lodge, to be paid to our Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary, and to be by him distributed as prescribed in the second resolution attached to the report of the Legislative Committee on the subject of relief of Southern jurisdictions.

The question being on the resolution, it was adopted.

Rep. HYLAND, of West Virginia, moved the following resolution:

Resolved, That the order designating the city of New York as the place of holding the next session of this R. W. Grand Lodge be and the same is hereby rescinded.

Rep. THOMPSON, of Missouri, moved to lay the resolution on the table, which was adopted.

Rep. DENNIS, of Michigan, moved the following resolution, which was adopted:

Inasmuch as the "American Odd-Fellow," a monthly periodical devoted to the interests of Odd-Fellowship, and published in the city of New York, was adopted by resolution of this R. W. Grand Lodge in 1862 as its official organ, and whereas the said publication, receiving as it does communications from every part of the Union, is of great benefit to the Order as a source of information, and should therefore receive every encouragement from the Supreme Body of the Order; therefore,

Resolved, That all communications from this R. W. Grand Body, or its officers to subordinate jurisdictions, which may properly be communicated through the press, be made through the columns of the "American Odd-Fellow."

Rep. LOGAN, of Kansas, moved the following resolution, which was unanimously adopted, the vote being taken by the Lodge rising, D. G. Sire SANDERS presiding:

Resolved, That the acknowledgements of this Grand Lodge are hereby tendered to Grand Sire I. M. VEITCH, for the able manner in which he has discharged the arduous duties of his office during the past two years.

Resolved, That the R. W. Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary be requested to obtain the portrait of the last Past Grand Sire, to be placed in the cabinet of this R. W. Grand Body.

Resolved, That during the ensuing recess the R. W. Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary be requested to attach the proper name in large letters to each portrait in possession of this Grand Lodge.

Rep. BARRY, of Indiana, from the Committee on the State of the Order, made the following report:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on the State of the Order, to which was referred the enquiry of Rep. SCHEIFER, of Missouri, on page 3990 of the Journal, report that a card is only *prima facie* evidence that the holder thereof is a member of the Order; other evidences or tests are required to prove himself such. In requiring the rank of a brother obtaining a card to be expressed on the face thereof, it was not designed to dispense with all other evidence, as the language of the committee in their report, page 3111 of the Journal, clearly establishes: "The rank of every member to whom a card is granted should be expressed in the card, so that the honors to which he is entitled, and the *degrees in which he may be proved*, shall appear upon the face thereof." Your committee therefore offer the following:

Resolved, That a card stating the rank of the holder thereof is not sufficient or conclusive evidence to entitle him to the privileges such rank confers; he must be proved in the work of the degree expressed on the card. Provided, however, if the card states the holder thereof to be a Past Grand, and he shall not be able to prove himself in the work of that degree, from not having received it, the fact as set forth in the card shall be sufficient evidence to entitle him to the privileges such rank confers.

E. H. BARRY,
E. D. FARNSWORTH,
EDWD. P. BURNHAM,
FRED. D. STUART,
J. ALEX. SIMPSON.

On motion of Rep. BARRY, of Indiana, the rule was suspended, and the report was considered and adopted.

Rep. LAMBERTON, of Pennsylvania, moved the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary forward to each of the members of this Grand Lodge the balance of the reports and daily Journals to which they are entitled under resolutions passed at this session.

Rep. LEECH, of Iowa, moved the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the rule requiring reports of committees to lay on the table one day be suspended for the balance of this session.

Rep. SMITH, of Canada West, from the Committee on Finance, submitted the following report, which was adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Finance beg to submit the following resolution:

Resolved, That the sum of five dollars per day be and the same is appropriated to Grand Sire VEITCH, Grand Chaplain WILLIAMSON, and Rep. STUART, for their expenses in attending upon the Committee of Revision.

JAMES SMITH,
H. L. PAGE,
R. D. LANDERS,
T. C. COLEMAN.

Rep. FORD, of Massachusetts, from the Committee on Grand Bodies not represented, to whom was recommitted its report, made the following amended report, which was considered and adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Grand Bodies not represented have the pleasure to report the cheering intelligence that the Grand Body is represented from all its extensive and remote sections at the present session, with the exception of the British Lower Provinces. From various reports we learn that our Order in that locality is in a languishing condition, yet have full faith that something may be done to revive an interest to build it up in a substantial way, and once more behold Odd-Fellowship in a flourishing condition.

WM. E. FORD,
SEWALL MORSE,
GEO. W. DAME,
JOHN P. FOSS,
GEO. DAMON.

Rep. FITZHUGH, of Virginia, moved the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the R. W. Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary be and he is hereby instructed to ascertain the amount paid into the treasury of this Grand Lodge by Greble Lodge, No. 1, a Lodge in the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Virginia, established by this Grand Lodge, and to place the amount so paid in for charter fee and dues to the credit of the said Grand Lodge of Virginia.

Rep. SEXTON, of Indiana, laid on the table the following amendment to the Constitution:

By Rep. SEXTON, of Indiana, seconded by Reps. HOOK, FRENCH, and BARRY, of Indiana; Reps. PAGE, BARRON, and MCDONALD, of Wisconsin; Rep. KINGSBURY, of Maine; Reps. GRISWOLD, LANDERS, and ROSS, of Illinois:

Strike out from article twelve, Constitution, the words "third Monday of September," and insert "first Monday of October."

Rep. ELLIS, of Maryland, from the special committee on that subject, made the following report, which was considered and adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The special committee to whom was referred the resolution submitted by Rep. HUNTER, of Louisiana, and found on page 3991 of the Journal, touching the claim of the Odd-Fellows' Hall Association of New Orleans against the Government of the United States for rent, &c., ask leave to report:

That they have had the subject referred to them under their consideration, and regard it as of sufficient importance to enlist sympathy and secure the aid and co-operation of the Grand Body, but that they find it impracticable at this late hour in the session to prepare the proposed memorial and obtain the signatures of all the members of the Grand Lodge, as suggested by the resolution referred to them.

The committee would therefore respectfully recommend that the incoming Grand Sire and Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary be authorized and requested to prepare and transmit to the proper authorities at Washington, under their official signatures, in the name and under the seal of the Grand Lodge of the United States, a suitable but earnest memorial asking for the brethren in New Orleans a speedy settlement of the claim alluded to.

F. A. ELLIS,
FRED. D. STUART,
BENJ. KINGSBURY, JR.,
H. L. PAGE.

Rep. STRATTON, of New Jersey, moved the following resolution:

Resolved, That permission to use either or any part of the forms of Funeral Service reported by the special committee at this session, be granted to such Lodges as desire to make use of them until otherwise ordered.

Rep. MCKINSTRY, of Alabama, moved to lay the resolution on the table, which was agreed to.

Rep. LAMBERTON, of Pennsylvania, moved the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary be instructed to forward to each member of this Grand Lodge ten copies of the revised Journal of this Annual Session.

Rep. SLATER, of Ohio, from the Committee on Mileage and Per Diem, made the following report, which was adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

Your Committee on Mileage and Per Diem herewith present a tabular statement of the mileage and per diem allowed each officer and representative, in accordance with the resolution adopted at the present session, and submit the following resolution:

Resolved, That the mileage and per diem allowed in the accompanying table to each officer and representative is hereby ordered to be paid.

W. F. SLATER,
A. H. RANSOM,
WM. H. BARNES,
HUGH LATHAM,
JOHN F. HAVENNER.

TABLE OF MILEAGE AND PER DIEM.

NAMES.	PROFESSION.	TOWN.	STATE.	DISTANCE FROM BALTIMORE.	DAYS IN ATTENDANCE.	MILEAGE.	PER DIEM.	TOTAL.
GRAND OFFICERS.								
M. W. G. Sire Isaac M. Veitch.....	Sec. Insurance Co.....	St. Louis.....	Missouri.....	931	5	$93 10	$25 00	$118 10
R. W. D. G. Sire James P. Sanders.	Lawyer.....	Yonkers.....	New York....	203	5	20 30	25 00	45 30
R. W. C. &. R. S. Jas. L. Ridgely..	Farmer	Baltimore.....	Maryland	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
R. W. G. Treasurer Joshua Vansant	Hat Manufacturer.....	Baltimore.....	Maryland	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
R. W. G. Chap. I. D. Williamson..	Clergyman.....	Delhi.....	Ohio	588	5	58 80	25 00	83 80
R. W. G. Marshal Joseph Kidder...	Merchant	Manchester	N. Hampshire	444	5	44 40	25 00	69 40
R. W. Grand Guardian A. Pfaff.....	Tobacconist.....	Philadelphia....	Pennsylvania	100	5	10 00	25 00	35 00
R. W. G. Mess. J. E. Chamberlain.	Messenger to G. Lodge	Baltimore.....	Maryland	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
REPRESENTATIVES.								
Allen, William M.....	Clerk.....	San Francisco..	California	5853	5	585 30	25 00	610 30
Armington, Henry.....	Merchant	New Providence	Rhode Island.	377	5	37 70	25 00	62 70
Babcock, Albert S.....	Lawyer.....	Blackberry	Illinois	846	5	84 60	25 00	109 60
Babcock, Charles H.....	Merchant.....	Brooklyn	Ohio	488	5	48 80	25 00	73 80
Bailey, John H.....	Attorney.....	Pittsburg	Pennsylvania	334	5	33 40	25 00	58 40
Barber, L. K.....	Lawyer.....	Woodville	Mississippi....	1262	5	126 20	25 00	151 20
Barnard, F. J.....	Merchant.....	Mobile	Alabama.....	1125	5	112 50	25 00	137 50
Barnes, William H.....	Rail Road Agent.....	Macon	Georgia	867	5	86 70	25 00	111 70
Barron, Q. H.....	Farmer.....	Fox Lake.....	Wisconsin ...	957	5	95 70	25 00	120 70
Bartlett, Columbus	Lawyer	San Francisco..	California	5667	.....	566 70	.....	566 70
Barry, E. H.....	Grand Secretary.....	Indianapolis	Indiana	700	5	70 00	25 00	95 00
Banks, E. P.....	Grand Secretary.....	Portland	Maine	531	2	53 10	10 00	63 10
Beeler, Louis F.....	Express Agent.....	Wheeling	Virginia	379	5	37 90	25 00	62 90
Bragg, Richard.....	Wheelwright	Little Rock.....	Arkansas	1438	5	143 80	25 00	168 80

Botsford, Frederick	Manufacturer	New Haven	Connecticut	262	5	26 20	25 00	51 20
Burnham, E. P	Treas. Savings Inst	Saco	Maine	517	5	51 70	25 00	76 70
Burton, W. S	Carriage Maker	Mt. Pleasant	Iowa	1037	5	103 70	25 00	128 70
Carter, John W	Magistrate,	Cincinnati	Ohio	588	5	58 80	25 00	83 80
Coleman, Thomas C	Banker	Nashville	Tennessee	913	5	91 30	25 00	116 30
Dame, G. W	Clergyman	Danville	Virginia	310	5	31 00	25 00	56 00
Damon, George	Merchant	Tallahassee	Florida	1072	5	107 20	25 00	132 20
Dietz, John G	Bookbinder	Macon	Georgia	867	5	86 70	25 00	111 70
Dennis, B. W	Miller	Byron	Michigan	664	5	66 40	25 00	91 40
Doniphan, John	Lawyer	Weston	Missouri	1300	5	130 00	25 00	155 00
Doe, Ira	Manufacturer	Rochester	N. Hampshire	506	5	50 60	25 00	75 60
Dowden, M. S	City Collector	Lexington	Kentucky	689	5	68 90	25 00	93 90
Durham, M. J	Lawyer	Danville	Kentucky	725	5	72 50	25 00	97 50
Dye, W. G	Publisher	Winona	Minnesota	1122	5	112 20	25 00	137 20
Ellis, F. A	Lawyer	Elkton	Maryland	52	5	5 20	25 00	30 20
Escavaille, Joseph B	Grand Secretary	Baltimore	Maryland	.....	5	.....	25 00	25 00
Farnsworth, E. D	Insurance Agent	Nashville	Tennessee	913	5	91 30	25 00	116 30
Fitzhugh, E. H	Lawyer	Richmond	Virginia	170	5	17 00	25 00	42 00
Ford, W. E	Keeper Public Library.	Boston	Massachusetts	420	5	42 00	25 00	67 00
Foster, F. M	Dentist	Jackson	Michigan	667	5	66 70	25 00	91 70
Foss, J. P	Merchant	Chicago	Illinois	802	5	80 20	25 00	105 20
French, W. M	Editor	Indianapolis	Indiana	700	5	70 00	25 00	95 00
Garey, H. F	Lawyer	Baltimore	Maryland	.....	5	.....	25 00	25 00
Gilman, Wm. A	Clerk	Marysville	California	6031	5	603 10	25 00	628 10
Glenn, John B	Druggist	Bloomfield	Iowa	1110	5	111 00	25 00	136 00
Granniss, E. C	Insurance Agent	Macon	Georgia	867	5	86 70	25 00	111 70
Griswold, J	Insurance Agent	Mound City	Illinois	978	5	97 80	25 00	122 80
Hall, Robert W	Supt. Public Land	Boston	Massachusetts	420	5	42 00	25 00	67 00
Ham, George W	Builder	Providence	Rhode Island	374	5	37 40	25 00	62 40
Havenner, John F	Merchant	Washington	Dis. Columb.	40	5	4 00	25 00	29 00
Hochstetler, J. J	Postmaster	Nebraska City	Nebraska	1385	5	138 50	25 00	163 50
Hodges, Samuel W	Sewing Machine Agt	Boston	Massachusetts	420	5	42 00	25 00	67 00
Hoke, William J	Cl'k & Mas. in Equity.	Lincolnton	N. Carolina	482	5	48 20	25 00	73 20
Homes, Luther	Blacksmith	New Orleans	Louisiana	1316	5	131 60	25 00	156 60
Hook, James	Mechanic	Terra Haute	Indiana	773	5	77 30	25 00	102 30
Hunter, A. Wallace	Secretary Ins. Co	New Orleans	Louisiana	1316	5	131 60	25 00	156 60

TABLE OF MILEAGE AND PER DIEM—CONTINUED.

NAMES.	PROFESSION.	TOWN.	STATE.	DISTANCE FROM BALTIMORE.	DAYS IN ATTENDANCE.	MILEAGE.	PER DIEM.	TOTAL.
Hyland, Wm. L	Clergyman	Parkersburg	W. Virginia	383	5	$38 30	$25 00	$63 30
Kingsbury, B. Jr	Judge	Portland	Maine	531	5	53 10	25 00	78 10
Kirkup, Joseph	Manufacturer	Cincinnati	Ohio	588	5	58 80	25 00	83 80
Lamberton, Robert	Lawyer	Harrisburg	Pennsylvania	85	5	8 50	25 00	33 50
Landers, R. D	Merchant	Jacksonville	Illinois	957	5	95 70	25 00	120 70
Latham, Hugh	Mayor	Alexandria	Virginia	47	5	4 70	25 00	29 70
Leech, Erie J	Attorney	Keokuk	Iowa	1052	5	105 20	25 00	130 20
Logan, Cornelius A	Physician	Leavenworth	Kansas	1310	5	131 00	25 00	156 00
McDonald, D	Magistrate	Racine	Wisconsin	864	5	86 40	25 00	111 40
McFarland, J. S	Merchant Tailor	Concord	N. Hampshire	462	5	46 20	25 00	71 20
McKenzie, John	Merchant	Columbia	S. Carolina	558	5	55 80	25 00	80 80
McKinstry, Alexander	Lawyer	Mobile	Alabama	1125	5	112 50	25 00	137 50
McLean, Wm. R	Printer	Washington	Dist. Colum	40	5	4 00	25 00	29 00
Maris, Joshua	Lawyer	Wilmington	Delaware	70	5	7 00	25 00	32 00
Marley, Richard	Shoe Manufacturer	Baltimore	Maryland	.....	5	.....	25 00	25 00
Martin, Joseph G	Merchant	Charleston	S. Carolina	627	5	62 70	25 00	87 70
Marvin, C. A	Dentist	Brooklyn	New York	188	5	18 80	25 00	43 80
Mayes, R. B	Lawyer	Yazoo City	Mississippi	1121	5	112 10	25 00	137 10
Millard, R. G	Merchant	New York	New York	186	5	18 60	25 00	43 60
Miller, G. J	Tobacconist	Burlington	New Jersey	120	5	12 00	25 00	37 00
Milton, John L	Dentist	Grenada	Mississippi	1023	5	102 30	25 00	127 30
Morse, Sewell	Mechanic	Brattleboro	Vermont	387	5	38 70	25 00	63 70

Munro, J. F	Surveyor	Detroit	Michigan	594	5	59 40	25 00	84 40
Norcross, Daniel	Mf'r and Publisher	San Francisco	California	5853	5	585 30	25 00	610 30
Page, H. L	Insurance Agent	Milwaukie	Wisconsin	887	5	88 70	25 00	113 70
Pierson, W. H	Boot Manufacturer	Boston	Massachusetts	420	5	42 00	25 00	67 00
Perkins, Henry E	Lawyer	Houston	Texas	1916	5	191 60	25 00	216 60
Ransom, A. H	Sec'y Insuarnce Co	Covington	Kentucky	589	5	58 90	25 00	83 90
Richardson, A. S	Lawyer	Houston	Texas	1916	3	191 60	15 00	206 60
Ross, Theodore A	Accountant	Newark	New Jersey	177	5	17 70	25 00	42 70
Scheifer, J. F	Manufacturer	St. Louis	Missouri	931	4	93 10	20 00	113 10
Sexton, Leonidas	Lawyer	Rushville	Indiana	694	5	69 40	25 00	94 40
Sharp, J. W	Physician	Camden	Delaware	121	5	12 10	25 00	37 10
Simpson, J. Alexander	Lawyer	W. Phila	Pennsylvania	105	5	10 50	25 00	35 50
Slater, W. F	R. R. Supesintendent.	Columbus	Ohio	512	5	51 20	25 00	76 20
Smiley. Thomas F	Lawyer	Nashville	Tennessee	913	5	91 30	25 00	116 30
Smith, James	Book-keeper	London	Canada West.	548	5	54 80	25 00	79 80
Steele, Thos. G	Grand Secretary	Fairmount	W. Virginia.	302	5	30 20	25 00	55 20
Stokes, John W	Lawyer	Philadelphia	Pennsylvania	100	5	10 00	25 00	35 00
Stratton, James	Pharmaceutist	Bordentown	New Jersey	129	5	12 90	25 00	37 90
Stuart, Fred. D	Hydrographer	Washington	Dis. of Col.	40	5	4 00	25 00	29 00
Swanton, E	Merchant	Brooklyn	New York	188	5	18 80	25 00	43 80
Taylor, Chris	Merchant	Oregon City	Oregon	6510	5	651 00	25 00	676 00
Thayer, Wm	Bank Officer	Charleston	S. Carolina	627	5	62 70	25 00	87 70
Thompson, John L	Railroad Police	Wilmington	Delaware	70	5	7 00	25 00	32 00
Thompson, W. H	Plumber	St. Louis	Missouri	931	5	93 10	25 00	118 10
Tower, L. F	Merchant	New Orleans	Louisiana	1316	5	131 60	25 00	156 60
Townsend, G. L.	Editor	Waterbury	Connecticut	311	5	31 10	25 00	56 10
Utley, Origin	Collector of Customs	Middletown	Connecticut	305	5	30 50	25 00	55 50
Weeks, George W	Merchant	Manchester	N. Hampshire	444	5	44 40	25 00	69 40
White, J. H	Lawyer	Albion	New York	474	5	47 40	25 00	72 40
				92,545	519	$9254 50	$2595 00	$11,849 50

Rep. SLATER, of Ohio, laid on the table the following amendment to the Constitution:

By Rep. W. F. SLATER, of Ohio, seconded by Rep. M. S. DOWDEN, of Kentucky, and Rep. F. M. FOSTER, of Michigan:

Amend section three of article nine of the Grand Lodge Constitution by striking out the words "he must have received the Royal Purple Degree," and insert the words "he must be in possession of the Grand Encampment Degree."

Rep. STUART, of District of Columbia, from the special committee on that subject, made the following report, which was considered and adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The special committee to whom was referred the papers submitted to this Grand Lodge by Rep. FARNSWORTH, of Tennessee, setting forth certain claims of the Order in the State of Tennessee, for losses sustained in the destruction of Lodge property during the war, have had the same under consideration, and respectfully report:

That, in their opinion, the subject is of sufficient importance to demand of this R. W. Body the same action as has been proposed in the case of the claims of the brotherhood at New Orleans. They, therefore, recommend that a memorial be prepared by the Grand Officers, setting forth all the facts and circumstances in connection with the claims above referred to, and that the same be attested by the Grand Sire and Grand Corresponding Secretary, with the seal of the Grand Lodge attached, and laid before the proper authorities at Washington, at the earliest day possible.

FRED. D. STUART,
BENJ. KINGSBURY, JR.
F. A. ELLIS,
H. L. PAGE.

The Chair announced the following special committee:

Special Committee upon the subject of a uniform law for prohibiting the expulsion of members for non-payment of dues, and for suspensions from membership for the same cause.—Reps. GRISWOLD, of Illinois; BANKS, of Maine; SEXTON, of Indiana; HUNTER, of Louisiana; and DEITZ, of Georgia.

Rep. THOMPSON, of Missouri, moved the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That a copy of the bound Journal of Proceedings of this Body be presented to P. G. M. J. W. ORR, editor of the American Odd-Fellow.

Rep. HOMES, of Louisiana, moved the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the salary of the R. W. Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary be and is hereby fixed at two thousand dollars per year, dating from and after the present communication of this R. W. Grand Lodge, and that five hundred dollars be added to the salary of the Grand Messenger.

Rep. McLean, of District of Columbia, moved the following resolution:

Resolved, That a bound copy of the Revised Journal of the proceedings of this R. W. Grand Lodge be presented to the Library Association, I. O. O. F., of Washington, D. C.

Rep. Utley, of Connecticut, moved to lay the subject on the table, which was adopted.

Rep. Armington, of Rhode Island, formally presented a bound copy of the Journal of the Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment of Rhode Island to the Library of the Grand Lodge of the United States.

Rep. Steele, of West Virginia, moved the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the Grand Officers be instructed to memorialize the Government, as in the case of the claim from New Orleans and Tennessee, in behalf of the Lodges at Harper's Ferry, Jefferson county; Martinsburg, Berkeley county; Charlestown, Kanawha county; all in the jurisdiction of West Virginia, for compensation for destruction of Lodge halls during the war.

Rep. Page, of Wisconsin, moved the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the salary of the R. W. Grand Treasurer be and is hereby fixed at four hundred dollars per annum.

Rep. Deitz, of Georgia, moved the following resolution:

Resolved, That a Representative removing and absenting himself from his jurisdiction for the space of six months shall forfeit his seat in the Grand Lodge of the United States.

Rep. Hyland, of West Virginia, moved to lay the resolution on the table, which was agreed to.

On motion of Rep. Lamberton, of Pennsylvania, the Lodge now proceeded to the installation of Grand Officers elect.

The M. W. Grand Sire announced that the bond of the R. W. Grand Treasurer was on file with the Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary, having been approved by himself and the Grand Corresponding Secretary, as required by law.

The M. W. Grand Sire announced the following form and order of presentation of the Grand Officers elect for installation:

The Grand Sire elect will be presented for installation by P. D. G. Sire H. L. Page, of Wisconsin, and P. D. G. Sire E. H. Fitzhugh, of Virginia.

The Deputy Grand Sire elect will be presented by P. G. F. A. Ellis, of Maryland, and P. G. M. E. P. Burnham, of Maine.

The Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary elect will be presented by P. G. M. B. W. DENNIS, of Michigan, and P. G. M. GRANNISS, of Georgia.

The Grand Treasurer elect will be presented by P. G. M. WM. THAYER, of South Carolina, and P. G. M. C. A. LOGAN, of Kansas.

P. D. Grand Sire JAMES P. SANDERS, of New York, M. W. Grand Sire elect, having been presented by P. D. Grand Sire E. H. FITZHUGH, of Virginia, and P. D. Grand Sire H. L. PAGE, of Wisconsin, at the foot of the Chair, was qualified by the M. W. Grand Sire, and seated to the right of the Chair.

P. G. M. EDWARD D. FARNSWORTH, of Tennessee, the R. W. Deputy Grand Sire elect, was presented by P. G. Rep. F. A. ELLIS, of Maryland, and P. G. M. E. P. BURNHAM, of Maine, was qualified and seated to the right of the Chair.

P. G. M. JAMES L. RIDGELY, of Maryland, the R. W. Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary elect, was presented by P. G. M. E. C. GRANNISS, of Georgia, and P. G. M. B. W. DENNIS, of Michigan, was qualified and conducted to his seat.

P. G. M. JOSHUA VANSANT, of Maryland, the R. W. G. Treasurer elect, was presented by P. G. M. WILLIAM THAYER, of South Carolina, and P. G. M. C. A. LOGAN, of Kansas, was qualified and conducted to his seat.

The M. W. Grand Sire elect nominated the following Grand Officers:

R. W. Grand Chaplain, Rev. I. D. WILLIAMSON, of Ohio.
R. W. Grand Marshal, JOHN S. HEIP, of Pennsylvania.
R. W. Grand Guardian, JOHN P. FOSS, of Illinois.
R. W. Grand Messenger, JOHN E. CHAMBERLAIN, of Maryland.

The nominations having been unanimously confirmed by the Lodge, the nominees were conducted to their respective seats.

The M. W. Grand Sire, retiring, then addressed the incoming Grand Sire and the Lodge in most affectionate and eloquent language, and surrendered the Chair and gavel to his successor.

The M. W. Grand Sire, JAMES P. SANDERS, on taking the Chair, addressed the Lodge as follows:

REPRESENTATIVES: In entering upon the discharge of the high and responsible office to which I have been elected by your partiality and kindness, I am reminded by the charge I have just received that I am required to perform duties of no small magnitude and responsibility, and while I have a mistrust of my ability to fulfil all that you may expect at my hands, with a full and implicit reliance upon your united support, I trust I may in some small degree acquit myself with honor to this R. W. Grand Lodge and the brotherhood at large. We all have great and fearful responsibilities resting upon us, and we are looked to by confiding thousands to uphold and legislate for the welfare and prosperity of our beloved Order. These principles so far

as the great mass of the community are concerned, are, comparatively speaking, unknown: to *you* and to *me* have been entrusted the arduous but pleasant duty of extending the sphere of our usefulness, and to proclaim to the world the great principles of Friendship, Love, and Truth, next and only second to the great principles of Christianity. Our tenets are best calculated to bring peace, happiness and prosperity to the great human family. The world our field of labor, let us not grow weary in our blessed work of ameliorating the condition of the human race, nor cease our exertions until our principles are known and recognized by the entire universe. We meet at this time under peculiar and gratifying auspices. For the first time in six years, we meet brothers from every State and Territory of our glorious Union. War with its destructive influences has not severed the bonds of love, but the period of our separation has but cemented the fraternal links that have united us as one great family. This is but the necessary result of the teachings of our ritual, this but the realization of the hopes of all good Odd-Fellows. May we not hope that these are but the beginning of brighter and halcyon days. United for the benefit and amelioration of the condition of the human race, we know no sectional interest, but meet as the representatives of a common brotherhood, having but one aim, to promulgate the great principles of fraternity.

I am also reminded, in reviewing the past, that war has had its terrors, that its ravages have laid waste our fields of labor, that it has left its deadly and blighted effects upon our Order, and that in some of our once prosperous and growing localities Odd-Fellowship is struggling for vitality and life. It shall be my duty as well as my pleasure, in all cases, to assist and endeavor by all means necessary to restore them to their former greatness and prosperity, knowing as we well do that I but reiterate your views on this subject, and that I shall have your aid, your assistance, in carrying out this great object.

In conclusion, my brothers, accept my heartfelt thanks for this repeated mark of your respect and consideration.

The business of the session having been concluded, the M. W. Grand Sire called upon the R. W. G. Chaplain, who addressed the Throne of Grace as follows:

Almighty God, our Heavenly Father! we give Thee hearty thanks that Thou hast given us life and strength to bring the labors of this session of the Grand Lodge to a close. We pray that thy blessings may rest upon those labors, so that they may tend to the furtherance of the high and holy objects of our beloved Order. We bless Thee for the harmony and brotherly love that have prevailed in our councils, and we pray that they may prevail more and more until discord and strife and contention and war shall be banished from the earth. And now that we are about to go hence to our homes, let thy blessings attend us on the way, so that we fall into no calamity and no evil come upon us. Once more we implore thy blessing upon this Order through all the earth, that its principles may be preserved in their purity, and that it may be saved alike from internal commotion and external danger, and long remain as it now is, a power in the earth, mighty for good. Bless, we pray Thee, the sick, the distressed, the widows and orphans everywhere, and strengthen them by Thy divine grace, that they may endure in the patience of hope Hear us, O Lord, and when Thou hearest, answer and forgive, and to Thee be the glory forever.—*Amen.*

Whereupon, by order of the M. W. Grand Sire, the R. W. Deputy Grand Sire proclaimed the Lodge adjourned *sine die*.

JAMES L. RIDGELY, *Cor. and Rec. Sec'ry.*

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OF THE

R. W. GRAND LODGE OF THE UNITED STATES,

INDEPENDENT ORDER OF ODD-FELLOWS.

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P. G. M. Utley, Origin.....Middletown, Connecticut.
P. G. M. Weeks, George W.....Manchester, N. Hampshire.
P. G. P. White, John H.....Albion, New York

PAST GRAND SIRES.

*Thomas Wildey.....Baltimore, Maryland.
†James Gettys.....Georgetown, Dis. Colnmbia.
‡George Keyser.....Baltimore, Maryland.
Samuel H. Perkins.....Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.
‖Zenas B. Glazier.....Wilmington, Delaware.
John A. Kennedy.....New York city.
§Howell Hopkins.....Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.
Thomas Sherlock.....Cincinnati, Ohio.
¶Horn R. Kneass.....Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.
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William Ellison.....Boston, Massachusetts.
George W. Race.....New Orleans, Louisiana.
Samuel Craighead.....Dayton, Ohio.
††R. B. Boylston.....Winsboro' S. C.
J. B. Nicholson.....Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.
Isaac M. Veitch.....St. Louis, Missouri.

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* Died October 19, 1861.
† Died August 15, 1844.
‡ Died September 19, 1857.
‖ Died November 11, 1858.
§ Died July, 1858.
¶ Died December 12, 1861.
** Died December 14, 1855.
†† Died September 5, 1865.

D. D. GRAND SIRES FOR THE YEAR 1867.

Vermont—P. G. M. Sewell Morse.....Brattleboro.
Lower Provinces—P. G. John Matheson...Albion Mines, Nova Scotia.
Minnesota—P. G. Walter G. Dye.....Winona.
Arkansas—P. G. P. O. Hooper.....Little Rock.
Nebraska—P. G. M. St. John Goorich.....Omaha.
Florida—P. G. George Damon.....Tallahassee.
Canada West—P. G. M. H. C. Bingham.....Brantford.
Colorada Ter'y—P. G. R. G. Buckingham...Denver.
New Mexico Ter'y—P. G. Chas. P. Clever..Santa Fe.



Jas. P. Sanders

INDEPENDENT ORDER OF ODD-FELLOWS.

FRIENDSHIP, LOVE AND TRUTH.

ANNUAL COMMUNICATION

OF THE

Grand Lodge of the United States,

HELD IN THE CITY OF NEW YORK,

September 16, 1867.

MONDAY, September 16, 1867—9 o'clock A. M.

The R. W. Grand Lodge assembled this day, being the regular Annual Communication, when, upon a call of the roll, the following members were found to be present:

OFFICERS.

JAMES P. SANDERS.....M. W. Grand Sire.
E. D. FARNSWORTH.....R. W. Deputy Grand Sire.
JAMES L. RIDGELY.....R. W. Grand Cor. and Rec. Secretary.
JOSHUA VANSANT.....R. W. Grand Treasurer.
REV. I. D. WILLIAMSON.....R. W. Grand Chaplain.
JOHN S. HEISS.....R. W. Grand Marshal.
JOHN P. FOSS.....R. W. Grand Guardian.
JOHN E. CHAMBERLAIN.....R. W. Grand Messenger

And Representatives from twenty-seven Grand Lodges and thirteen Grand Encampments, as follows:

GRAND LODGES.

P. G. M. Richard Marley.....Maryland.
P. G. M. Samuel W. Hodges.....Massachusetts.
P. G. M. C. A. Marvin.....New York.
P. G. M. R. A. Lamberton.....Pennsylvania.
P. G. John G. Havenner.....District of Columbia.
P. G. M. Joshua Maris.....Delaware.
P. G. M. Luther Homes.....Louisiana.
P. G. P. Theo. A. Ross.....New Jersey.
P. G. M. M. J. Durham.....Kentucky.
P. D. G. Sire E. H. Fitzhugh.....Virginia.
P. G. P. E. H. Barry.....Indiana.
P. G. M. Geo. L. Townsend.....Connecticut.
P. G. Thos. C. Coleman.....Tennessee.
P. G. M. John McKenzie.....South Carolina
P. G. Alex. McKinstry.....Alabama.
P. G. M. Wm. J. Hoke.....North Carolina.
P. G. M. John G. Deitz.....Georgia.
P. G. M. Benj. Kingsbury, Jr.....Maine
P. G. M. Ira Doe.....New Hampshire.
P. G. M. F. M. Foster.....Michigan.
P. G. M. Q. H. Barron.....Wisconsin.
P. G. M. W. S. Burton.....Iowa.
P. G. M. Richard Bragg.....Arkansas.
P. G. George Daman.....Florida.
P. G. M. J. A. McClelland.....California.
P. G. Cris Taylor.....Oregon.
P. G. M. C. A. Logan.....Kansas.
P. G. M. Thos. G. Steele.....West Virginia.

GRAND ENCAMPMENTS.

G. Scc. Jos. B. Escavaille.....Maryland.
P. G. P. Wm. H. Pearson.....Massachusetts
P. G. P. Royal G. Millard.....New York.
P. G. John H. Bailey.....Pennsylvania.
P. G. M. A. Wallace Hunter.....Louisiana.
P. G. P. Albert S. Babcock.....Illinois.
P. G. P. Fred. Botsford.....Connecticut.
P. G. P. I. G. Martin.....South Carolina
P. D. G. Sire H. L. Page.....Wisconsin
P. G. John B. Glenn.....Iowa.
P. G. M. Geo. W. Ham.....Rhode Island.
P. G. W. A. Gilman.....California.
P. G. M. W. S. Hyland.....West Virginia.

PAST GRAND SIRES.

John A. Kennedy.....New York.
William Ellison.....Massachusetts.
James B. Nicholson.....Pennsylvania.
Isaac M. Veitch.....Missouri.

A quorum being present, Rev. Bro. I. D. Williamson, R. W. Grand Chaplain, addressed the Throne of Grace, as follows:

Almighty God, our Heavenly Father! Thou who art the Being of all beings, the life of all life, and the sum and substance of all wisdom, power and goodness! hear thou the voice of our supplication, and let thine ear be attentive to the prayer we offer before thee. In thy good providence we have been preserved through the labors and dangers of another year, and we have come up hither from the East and the West, and the North and the South, to lay an offering of thanksgiving upon thy altar, and seek a continuance of that gracious favor with which thou hast regarded our beloved Order through the year that has closed. We bless thee for all the success that has attended our efforts in the cause of Friendship, Love, and Truth, and we pray for a continuance of that success through all coming time. Bless, we pray thee, thy servant, the Grand Sire, and all the officers and members of this Grand Lodge. May the Spirit of Wisdom and Love prevail in all our counsels, and may we be guided to the adoption of such measures, and such only, as shall tend to the best interests of our Order. Hear us for the widow and fatherless, the sick and the distressed everywhere, and grant that great grace and peace may be upon all that suffer in sorrow or affliction. Hear our prayer and answer us in mercy, and receive us at last to the Grand Lodge above, and to thy name be the glory forever. Amen.

The Deputy Grand Sire, having examined the Representatives and declared them duly qualified, by order of the M. W. Grand Sire proclaimed the Lodge open for the transaction of business.

The Chair announced the following Committee on Credentials:

Reps. COLEMAN, of Tennessee; CARTER, of Ohio; TAYLOR, of Oregon; HYLAND, of West Virginia; MILLARD, of New York.

On motion of Rep. STOKES, of Pennsylvania, the reading of the Journal of last session was dispensed with.

Rep. MILLARD, of New York, moved the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That members of the Order who have attained the proper rank may be admitted within the Grand Lodge during its deliberations, when properly vouched for and introduced to the Grand Guardian by the Representatives respectively from the jurisdictions to which the visitors may be attached.

On motion of Rep. HOMES, of Louisiana, a committee was appointed to draw for seats, to be occupied by the Representatives of the jurisdictions subordinate to the Grand Lodge, after the manner heretofore pursued.

The Chair named Reps. HOMES, of Louisiana, HAVENNER, of District of Columbia, FOSTER, of Michigan, BARRON, of Wisconsin, and HAM, of Rhode Island, as the committee.

Rep. COLEMAN, of Tennessee, from the Committee on Credentials, made the following report, which, on motion of Rep. LEECH, of Iowa, was adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Credentials find the following brethren duly accredited Representatives to this Grand Lodge:

FROM GRAND LODGES.

P. G. J. G. BURTON.....Vermont.
P. G. M. THOMAS B. MCCARTY.....Indiana.
P. G. M. ERIE J. LEECH.....Iowa.
P. G. M. F. P. BAKER.....Kansas.
P. G. HIRAM VIELE.....Ohio.
P. G. M. F. M. FOSTER.....Michigan.
P. G. M. WILLIAM THAYER.....South Carolina.
P. G. THOMAS F. SMILEY.....Tennessee.
P. G. M. CHARLES D. STRONG.....Minnesota.
P. G. M. WILLIAM OAKES.....Michigan.
P. G. JOHN MATHESON.....Lower Province of B. N. A.
P. G. ANDREW J. WRIGHT.....Delaware.
P. G. M. JULIUS ATTWOOD.....Connecticut.
P. G. P. H. S. MACK.....Wisconsin.
P. G. C. W. DANNALS.....California.
P. G. JOHN H. HORN.....New Jersey.
P. G. M. J. A. MCCLELLAND (1 year, vice W. M. ALLEN, deceased).....California.
P. G. M. JOHN ALEX. SIMPSON.....Pennsylvania.
P. G. J. W. VENABLE.....Kentucky.
P. G. ALBERT G. LULL (appointed).....Illinois.
P. G. M. JOHN G. DUNLAP.....Louisiana.
P. G. M. CHARLES G. MAURO.....Missouri.
P. G. M. HUGH LATHAM.....Virginia.
P. G. M. J. F. DRISCOL.....Rhode Island.
P. G. M. JOHN F. SMITH.....West Virginia.
P. G. F. A. ELLIS.....Maryland.
P. G. M. E. DANA BANCROFT.....Massachusetts.
P. G. M. AMZI E. LOVE.....Mississippi.
P. G. SAMUEL WILLARD (vice J. R. SCROGGS, deceased).....Illinois.
P. G. JAMES E. SABINE.....Nevada.
P. G. M. R. B. MAYES.....Mississippi.
P. G. F. TEMPLIN (vice J. J. HOCHSTETTER, resigned).....Nebraska.
P. G. M. STILLMAN S. DAVIS.....New Hampshire.
P. G. M. WILLIAM R. MCLEAN.....District of Columbia.
P. G. P. JAMES TERWILLIGER.....New York.
P. G. M. CYRUS K. LADD.....Maine.
P. G. JAMES WOODYATT.....Canada West.

FROM GRAND ENCAMPMENTS.

P. G. P. W. C. BECKETT (to fill vacancy).....Maine.
P. G. P. R. W. DENNIS.....Michigan.
P. G. P. STEWART HASTINGS, JR.....Kansas.
P. H. P. DAVID MEEKER.....California.
P. G. P. JOHN C. SMITH.....Illinois.
P. G. P. DANIEL FITHIAN.....Ohio.
P. G. P. A. H. RANSOM.....Kentucky.
P. C. P. W. H. FOULK.....Delaware.
P. G. M. JOHN H. WHITE.....New York.
P. G. Sec. JOHN F. HIDE.....Tennessee.
P. G. P. FRANK R. FORCE.....New Jersey

P. G. P. F. J. BLAIR.....Indiana.
P. G. M. JOHN W. STOKES.....Pennsylvania.
P. G. M. A. WALLACE HUNTER.....Louisiana.
P. G. P. AMOS JOHNSON.....Massachusetts.
P. G. M. L. K. BARKER.....Mississippi.
P. C. P. H. F. GAREY.....Maryland.
P. G. M. JACOB H. ROBINSON.....Virginia.
P. G. M. FRED. D. STUART.....District of Columbia.
P. G. J. L. HAUPT.....Georgia.
P. H. P. JOHN O. RAUM.....New Jersey.
P. G. P. JOSEPH B. ADAMS.....New Hampshire.
P. G. Sire ISAAC M. VEITCH (vice E. M. SLOAN) Missouri.
P. G. Rep. E. H. BARRY (vice C. NUTT).....Indiana.
P. G. P. S. A. ENHOLM (vice F. J. BARNARD)..Alabama.

Respectfully submitted.

THOS. C. COLEMAN,
W. L. HYLAND,
CRIS TAYLOR,
JOHN W. CARTER,
R. G. MILLARD.

Rep. HOMES, of Louisiana, from the committee on that subject, made the following report, which was, on motion of Rep. STEELE, of West Virginia, adopted, and the Representatives were seated accordingly.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The committee appointed by this R. W. Grand Lodge to draw for seats to be occupied by the respective jurisdictions, report the following as the result, to wit:

Missouri.....1, 2, 3
Lower Provinces.....4
Iowa.....5, 6, 7
Georgia.....8, 9, 10
Rhode Island.....11, 12
Massachusetts.....13, 14, 15, 16
Connecticut.....17, 18, 19
New Hampshire.....20, 21, 22
Florida.....23
Ohio.....24, 25, 26, 27
Vermont.....28
Kansas.....29, 30, 31
New York.....32, 33, 34, 35
Kentucky.....36, 37, 38, 39
Maine.....40, 41, 42
District of Columbia.....43, 44, 45
South Carolina.....46, 47, 48
Michigan.....49, 50, 51
Nevada.....52
West Virginia.....53, 54, 55
Illinois.....56, 57, 58, 59
Maryland.....60, 61, 62, 63
California.....64, 65, 66, 67
North Carolina.....68, 69
Texas.....71, 72
Arkansas.....73
Alabama.....74, 75
Indiana.....76, 77, 78, 79
Canada West.....80
New Jersey.....81, 82, 83, 84
Wisconsin.....85, 86, 87
Minnesota.....88
Delaware.....89, 90, 91
Tennessee.....92, 93, 94
Nebraska.....95
Pennsylvania.....96, 97, 98, 99
Oregon.....100, 101
Virginia.....102, 103, 104
Mississippi.....105, 106, 107
Louisiana.....108, 109, 110

Respectfully submitted.

LUTHER HOMES,
Q. H. BARRON,
JOHN G. HAVENNER,
F. M. FOSTER,
GEORGE W. HAM.

Rep. LAMBERTON, of Pennsylvania, moved the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That M. W. G. M. GOULD, of the Grand Lodge of New York, and M. W. G. S. SANDERS, be requested to furnish copies of their addresses upon the reception of this Grand Lodge by the Grand Lodge of New York, that the same may be published with the Revised Journal of this session.

Rep. DOWDEN, of Kentucky, moved the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That during the present session this Grand Lodge will meet daily at 9 A. M., take a recess for thirty minutes at 12 M., and adjourn at 3½ P. M., until otherwise ordered.

P. G. Sire KENNEDY, on behalf of the committee of the Grand Lodge of New York, presented the following communication from the Commissioners of Central Park:

OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE CENTRAL PARK,
New York, September 10, 1867.

To Hon. John A. Kennedy:

MY DEAR SIR: I have received your favor of the 2d instant, relative to the proposed session, in the city of New York, of the Grand Lodge of the United States of the Independent Order of Odd-Fellows, composed of delegates from every State and Territory in the United States, and from the British Provinces.

Will you please communicate to the gentlemen composing the Grand Lodge, the cordial invitation of the Commissioners of the Park, to visit the Central Park during their stay in this city?

It will give me, personally, great pleasure to facilitate and aid in the necessary arrangements to render their visit to the Park agreeable; and I shall be much obliged if you will inform me of the day that they would prefer that it should take place.

With great respect, yours, very truly,

AND. H. GREEN, *Comptroller of the Park.*

Also, the following invitation from the Trustees of the Hebrew Benevolent Orphan Asylum of the City of New York:

THE HEBREW BENEVOLENT AND ORPHAN ASYLUM SOCIETY
OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK,
New York, September 16, 1867.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

GENTLEMEN: The Board of Trustees of the above institution, learning that you will remain in this city for a few days, respectfully invite you to visit the Orphan Asylum at any time suiting your convenience.

Respectfully yours,

MYER STERN, *Chairman*,
G. M. LEVENTRITT,
P. W. FRANK,
L. LITHAUER,
IGNATZ STERN

Also, the following invitation from the New York Institution for the Deaf and Dumb:

NEW YORK INSTITUTION FOR THE DEAF AND DUMB,
New York, September 16, 1867.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

Your officers and members are respectfully invited to visit our institution for the care and education of Deaf Mutes, at Fanwood, intersection of 10th avenue and Kingsbridge road, at such time as may be convenient to yourselves, during the session of your body in this city.

ISAAC LEWIS PEET, *Principal.*

Also, the following invitation from the New York Juvenile Asylum:

NEW YORK JUVENILE ASYLUM,
High Bridge, N. Y., September 16, 1867.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

GENTLEMEN: You are earnestly invited to visit this Asylum for Destitute Juveniles, located on 10th avenue and 175th street, near the High Bridge, at any time that may be convenient to you, during your session in the Empire City.

S. D. BROOKS, *Superintendent and Physician.*

Also, the following invitation from the Metropolitan Fire Department:

OFFICE CHIEF ENGINEER METROPOLITAN FIRE DEPARTMENT,
New York, September 13th, 1867.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

Believing that an examination of the apparatus and appliances for the extinguishment of fires in the city of New York would be an object of some interest, and, doubtless, afford some pleasure, I beg leave, on behalf of the Department, to invite the members of your honorable body to visit and inspect the houses and apparatus of the various companies (the location of which may be ascertained by reference to the accompanying books) as frequently and at such times as may best suit their convenience and pleasure

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

ELISHA KINGSLAND, *Chief Engineer.*

Also, the following invitation from the Commissioners of Public Charities and Corrections of the City of New York:

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC CHARITIES AND CORRECTIONS,
New York, September 13th, 1867.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Commissioners of Public Charities and Corrections respectfully tender an invitation to the R. W. Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F., to visit the institutions under their charge on such day as may be most agreeable, of which please notify.

Very respectfully,

JAS. B. NICHOLSON, *President.*

Also, the following invitation from the Board of Public Education of the City of New York:

OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION,
New York, September 14th, 1867.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

GENTLEMEN: The officers and members of the Grand Lodge of the United States, Independent Order of Odd-Fellows, are respectfully invited to visit any or all of the schools under the charge of the Board of Education at such time as may be convenient to them.

Accompanying are Directories, which show the location of each school.

Yours, with great respect,

THOS. BOESE,
Clerk of the Board of Education of the city of New York.

On motion of Rep. MCKINSTRY, of Alabama, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed, who shall confer with Past Grand Sire KENNEDY, report on the invitations extended to this Grand body, and designate the action proper to pursue, and report forthwith.

The M. W. Grand Sire now submitted his Annual Report, which being read, as follows:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

REPRESENTATIVES: In the discharge of the various duties entrusted to our respective care, we again assemble in Annual Communication, and, under the careful guardianship of the Great Creator, we meet under auspices of the most cheering and favorable character. The past year has indeed been a fruitful one to our great family. Throughout our entire jurisdiction have our Lodges and Encampments prospered and become strong; the weak have been strengthened, and the strong become more fully developed, in the greatness of our principles. Peace and tranquillity reign triumphant, and we have, more than ever, especial cause for thanksgiving and praise to the Most High. That He has watched over us as an Order during the past year, and that so few of our number have been called hence to be with us no more; that He has vouchsafed to us as an institution unexampled health and prosperity; for these, and the manifold blessings we have received in the past from His hands, we should acknowledge our obligations with grateful hearts and cheerful voices, and beseech from Him a continuance of these great favors to us, not only as individuals, but as members of a great and growing fraternity, having for our foundation stone the happiness and welfare of the great human family.

In accordance with the requirements of our laws, I herewith submit to you a report of my official acts, with the various decisions made by me during the past year, together with such measures and suggestions as, in my opinion, call for your legislative action at the present session.

At the last Annual Session of this Body I was directed "to issue my proclamation appointing a day of thanksgiving, to be observed throughout the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge by the members of the Order, to render thanks to the ever-living God for preserving and maintaining the unbroken unity and fraternal relations of our Order from the sad and devastating effects of civil war." In accordance with this resolution, on the first day of November, 1866, I issued my proclamation to the Order, naming the 26th day of April, 1867—the anniversary of the introduction of our Order in the United States—as an appropriate day for such exercises, as the several

Grand Lodges might dictate. I am happy to say that the day was generally observed by the members of the Order, by assembling themselves together, and by such exercises as reflected great credit, and were of great benefit not only to themselves, but to the Order of which they were members.

At the same session I was also directed to issue a circular to the Order, calling their attention to the misfortunes and necessities of our brethren in the South, and soliciting aid and contributions for their benefit. In accordance with your directions, I issued a circular letter to all of the Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments which had not been subjected to the ravages and sufferings of the late civil war, requesting them to lay the same before their Subordinates, that they might contribute of their means to this great cause. The R. W. Grand Corresponding Secretary will report to you the amount received by him for that beneficial object. I regret to say that the amount received by him does not meet the expectations of the authors of the movement. This appeal was made, knowing that unless relief could be given liberally, in some localities our Order must for the present become extinct. Our Lodges, with but few exceptions in the Southern States, have been since the close of the war, struggling for their very life. The brethren there have done all they possibly could to resuscitate and revive the Order. But their condition after the war was deplorable—without Lodge-rooms to meet in, their Lodge furniture, regalia and books destroyed, their members scattered, and with these facts staring them in the face, they naturally looked to us, my brethren, for help and succor in their day of need, and I had trusted that their cry would not be made in vain; but for causes unknown to me, we have not received the amount of available help that we require. What then shall we do? Our own Grand Lodge has at the present time a large surplus fund on hand, and for which at present we have no particular use, with the prospect before us of large income in the coming year. I would suggest that this R. W. Grand Lodge loan to the several Southern Grand Lodges, such amounts as they may consider necessary to meet the immediate wants of their Subordinate Lodges. That these loans be made to such Grand Bodies that may apply for them; and, that they be granted upon such terms, and in such amounts, as may be provided for by the Finance Committee of this Grand Body. If we desire to save our Order in the Southern States, something should be done, and that as soon as possible. I believe such a course, as here suggested, would be beneficial to ourselves, as well as to the Lodges requiring aid. And the amount thus furnished would be of infinite benefit to our suffering brotherhood, and be the means of relieving many of those Lodges who, in days gone by, never heard the cry of distress without answering to the extent of their ability, and who are now struggling to sustain themselves against the misfortune they have passed through. I leave this matter with you, my brethren, knowing as I well do, that you will act for the best interest of the entire brotherhood.

On the 15th day of February, 1867, I received from P. G. Sire NICHOLSON, Chairman of the Wildey Monument Committee, a surrender of the Monument to the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, the Monument being finished and the entire business of the committee closed up. This honored and faithful brother, in surrendering the trust reposed in the committee, of which he was the head, says: "In making this final transfer of their trust, the committee cannot refrain from congratulating the Order upon the happy and successful completion of the enterprise, or from expressing their gratitude and returning their thanks to the brotherhood for the liberal response to the appeal in behalf of the object now so happily accomplished. The Order, by the liberal outpouring of its means, has made the duty with which the committee was charged, a pleasure and delight. The committee are deeply grateful to the officers and members of the Grand Lodge of the United States for having unfalteringly sustained them in their labor of love." On behalf of this R. W. Grand Lodge, I received from the

committee the Wildey Monument, and relieved them from all farther responsibility, thanking them in your name for their labor, not only of body, but of mind, in bringing to completion this beautiful structure of marble, which commemorates not only the successful establishment on this Continent of the Independent Order of Odd-Fellows, but as a monument reared by the members of that Order, so much cherished by him, to the fame and memory of our founder, THOMAS WILDEY. The committee are especially entitled to the thanks of the entire Order for the care and attention they have given to this great and important trust committed to their care and guardianship. The report of the R. W. Grand Treasurer will show that all bills have been paid and a balance left in his hands, which if properly invested, will be found sufficient for all farther expense of keeping the Monument and surrounding grounds in proper order and repair.

At the last session of this R. W. Grand Lodge, I was also authorized and directed to appoint and commission a Special Commission to visit the Lower Provinces and Canada East, with full powers to resuscitate defunct Lodges, to institute new ones, and to take such steps and resort to such measures as would be likely to revive our Order in those jurisdictions. Inasmuch as a charter had been granted by this Grand Lodge to the Grand Lodge of the Lower Provinces, I thought it proper to enter into correspondence with the officers of that Grand Body, and make enquiry as to the state of the Order under their immediate jurisdiction. I endeavored to do so, but received no response to my communication from these officers, and after making a second trial, with no better results, I immediately appointed P. G. M. and G. Rep. FRED. D. STUART, of the District of Columbia, as such Commissioner, knowing that this worthy brother, from his long and active connection with the Order, would be a proper person for such appointment. Before entering upon the discharge of his duties, I gave full and ample instruction to him of what I considered the design and object of this R. W. Grand Lodge in passing the resolutions authorizing such appointment, viz: That he was to use all honorable means to place the Order in Canada East and the Lower Provinces upon a sure foundation, and if necessary, under the immediate jurisdiction of the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States. Viewing as I did that the course pursued by the Grand Lodge of the Lower Provinces for the past years was not in accordance with the mandates or instructions of this Grand Lodge, when granting them their charter. That they had failed for years in making their returns or sending their representative to this, their parent body, and that, unless they intended to change the course thus pursued, their charter should be declared forfeited, and a demand made by him of the surrender of the same. That he was also to enter into correspondence with the officers of the Order under the Manchester Unity, wherever he should find them, for the purpose of a union of the entire Order of North America under our authority. With these instructions that worthy brother accepted the trust, and entered upon the discharge of his responsible duties. On the 3d day of September I received from him a full and complete report of his proceedings, showing conclusively to my mind that I had appointed the right man for the position. His reception among the brethren who belonged with us was flattering to him as a brother and as a Commissioner from this Body. His report, which accompanies this document, is submitted to you for your consideration, and I trust his recommendations may be carried out. His mission I have no doubt will be the means of acquainting us with what we so much desired—a full knowledge of the feeling of the brotherhood in the Lower Provinces; and one good result we can acknowledge at present, that is, a representative from the Grand Lodge of that jurisdiction, present with us at this session. I regret that on account of the lateness of receiving his valuable report, I am unable to call your attention, in detail, to the many important facts that came to the knowledge of Bro. STUART during his long journey in the Provinces and Lower Canada in search of American Odd-Fellowship, together

with his communications with the members of the Manchester Unity. But I trust his report will be carefully perused and examined by you all. As a historical paper, on the subject of the rise and progress of our Order in British America, with the causes of so many of our Lodges becoming extinct, it is worthy of the brother who has devoted so much time and attention to the very important commission entrusted to his care, and the worthy brother is entitled to our warm thanks for the zeal he has manifested and the spirit shown by him in carrying out your wishes in this very delicate and important mission.

At the same session, a committee was appointed to prepare "a tract or pamphlet, presenting the teachings, principles and purposes and operations of the Order"—the same to be submitted and approved by the M. W. Grand Sire. That committee, of which our worthy and respected Grand Secretary was the chairman, submitted to me a tract on the subject of "Odd-Fellowship, what is it?" which I examined with care, and believing it was what we so much desired for the inquiring mind, a careful and truthful, although brief, exposition of our object and principles, that I gave it my hearty approval, and I would recommend that measures may be taken at this session for the printing and circulation of the same.

I was also requested, in connection with the R. W. Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary, to have prepared a memorial to the General Government, setting forth the claim of our brethren in Louisiana and Tennessee, for claims against the United States, for rent of halls, losses, &c., during the last war. This memorial was prepared for the Grand Lodge by Rep. SIMPSON, of Pennsylvania, which was duly forwarded, attested as requested by the Grand Sire and Grand Secretary, to Rep. STUART, of the District of Columbia, to present in your name to the proper authorities. This worthy brother reported to me that he had performed the duties required of him, and had laid the same before the President of the United States, who informed him that the said claims should have due and careful consideration at the earliest moment, since which time no further communications have been received by me upon the subject. As this is a matter of great importance to the Grand Lodges and members of the States mentioned, I would suggest that a special committee should be appointed by this Grand Lodge to attend to the same.

Among the great number of questions submitted to me during the year, the following are the only ones that require action at your hands, and which have not been before submitted to the R. W. Grand Lodge. In this connection permit me to suggest, in view of the multitude of queries propounded almost every year to the Grand Sire, as well as to the R. W. Grand Corresponding Secretary, that the attention of the brotherhood be called to the fact, that this R. W. Grand Body has published a digest of our laws and various decisions, and that by an examination of that work they will find answers for their numerous questions, and thus save themselves, as well as those officers, much valuable time.

First. Public Installations cannot be held unless the State Grand Body has given consent to her Subordinates to have the same; and where the Grand Master of the jurisdiction has forbidden the same, the Grand Sire has no power to interfere with his decision. The decision of the Grand Master is binding until reversed by his Grand Lodge—unless his decision is in direct conflict with the Constitution and Laws of the Grand Lodge of the United States.

Second. The Lodge to which the applicant belongs is entitled to the fees for degrees. No Lodge has the right to give a certificate to receive the degrees until the fees are paid. It is the duty of any Lodge, upon the presentation of a duly authenticated degree certificate, if the brother is in good standing, to confer the degrees upon the candidate holding and presenting such certificate.

Third. The Noble Grand of a Lodge has no power to set aside any part

of the Constitution of his Lodge. The objectionable section must be repealed or amended in the manner provided for in said Constitution, and is binding on him and his Lodge until so repealed or amended.

Fourth. The Vice Grand of a Lodge has no right to call a Past Grand to preside over his Lodge during the absence of the Noble Grand. And all acts done by the Lodge during such time are illegal, and should be set aside.

Fifth. A Grand Lodge has no right to grant more than *one ballot* and *one reconsideration* of the same, to a candidate for membership in a Subordinate Lodge.

Sixth. A Grand Lodge has no right to require a residence for any definite period before a brother can deposit a withdrawal card from a sister jurisdiction. A law of such a character is in direct violation of our principles.

Seventh. The R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, having decided by her Constitution the necessary qualifications for membership in the Order, no Grand Body has the right to change the same.

Eighth. A Subordinate Lodge about to ballot for degrees, should close informally in the Initiatory Degree; and after balloting for the degrees in the several degrees, should then re-open in the Initiatory Degree, and close the Lodge in due form.

Ninth. A person who has lost *an arm* is not eligible for membership into the Order by initiation.

The Degree of Rebekah has been in existence some sixteen years, and the experiment of a degree of this character has been fully developed. In some jurisdictions the degree has been conferred on thousands of the wives of the brethren, while in others the degree has never been recognized or received. I think the time has arrived when the degree should be considered one of the degrees of our Order—to be universally recognized and conferred upon those entitled to it, or the degree should be abolished. Experience has taught those who have seen its working, that the degree is in a crude and imperfect state; not what it should be—while the work, as given, may be uniform, yet the business matter connected therewith is unsettled, and each State has its own forms and regulations for conferring this degree. I would respectfully suggest, if the degree is to be continued, that measures should be taken to establish it upon a more permanent basis, with more enlarged powers for doing good; such, for instance, as the organization of regular Degree Lodges to confer this degree, with a code of laws, which shall be uniform throughout the jurisdiction of this R. W. Grand Lodge; with all the powers to *elect* their own *officers* and *members;* but making it the duty of these Lodges to be regularly chartered by the respective Grand Lodges—who shall appoint the Degree Masters for conferring the degree upon those duly authorized to receive it. With organizations of this character, or of a similar nature, and perhaps of conferring the degree on daughters of Scarlet Degree members, over the age of eighteen years, I think much good might be done. Thus some of the objections, now raised against the degree, removed, and the degree placed upon a more firm basis, it would become a help to our Subordinate Lodges, and a field where the good and virtuous sisters, might meet on common ground to relieve the sick and distressed members of their *own* Lodges. I trust this matter may receive your careful attention at the present session, as much anxiety is manifest in numerous jurisdictions as to what will be done with this degree. They all, I believe, think the degree may be made more useful and beneficial than at present, and generally hope it may be done.

I desire, also, to call your attention to another subject of much importance to the Subordinate Lodge. I refer to the question of weekly benefits. My experience, running through almost a quarter of a century, has compelled me to come to the conclusion, that there should be a radical change in the system of paying out weekly benefits. I do not believe that Lodges can sustain themselves for any considerable length of time in paying indiscrimi-

nate benefits to sick members, as they are now required to do. I would, therefore, recommend that all laws of this R. W. Grand Lodge be unconditionally repealed, and let the entire matter rest with our Subordinate Lodges. If at any time it was intended by our founders, which I very much doubt, that our Lodges were to be regarded as merely health insurance offices, where the insurer, for a small pittance, could obtain relief in time of sickness, in my opinion that time has passed away. Now, higher thoughts and duties are intended to be inculcated, and when we lose sight of those, in the struggle for pecuniary gain, we lose sight of the first principles of our Order. It is true, the laws of our Subordinates permit them to regulate the *amount* to be paid, but this R. W. Body has repeatedly said, "they must pay benefits to all," nominal though they be; no discrimination can be allowed. I have no fears that the needy and worthy brother will ever be sent away unprovided for. The Lodges know the means and circumstances of their own members, and free and untrammelled they act with circumspection, and whenever occasion requires it they can render such aid as will be of material benefit to the worthy but needy and afflicted brother and his family.

Amid the general prosperity of the Order during the year the angel of death has not been idle. His cold and icy fingers have touched our own circle, and we mourn to-day the loss of those who but one short year since were our fellow-members of this body. I sincerely regret to say, that since our last meeting Grand Representatives Wm. M. Allen, of California, Jos. Kirkup, of Ohio, and Jas. Wood, of Rhode Island, have left us forever. Of their virtues and love for our Order their lives gave proof. Known to us all, we mourn their loss. I also regret to announce the death of Past Grand Representatives J. A. J. Bohen, of California, Henry A. Bier, of Louisiana, Jas. Mitchell, of South Carolina, Jas. Allcock, Wm. Hopkins, and Hiram P. Rowell, of New York. All of these departed ones have been distinguished in their several jurisdictions for their exemplary lives and love for our Order, and their memories will ever live in the minds of their brethren; their loss will be greatly felt. May we not hope, my brethren, that our loss is their eternal gain.

During the past year I have issued dispensations, and there have been instituted the following: The Grand Lodge of Nevada, instituted by Grand Representative Daniel Norcross, of California, on the 21st of January, 1867; the Grand Encampment of Kansas, instituted by Grand Representative C. A. Logan, of Kansas; Colorado Encampment, No. 1, located at Central City, Colorado, instituted by P. C. P. J. H. Feltoner; Denver Encampment, No. 2, located at Denver, Colorado, instituted by P. C. P. J. H. Feltoner; Rochester Encampment, No. 2, located at Rochester, Minnesota, instituted by D. D. Grand Sire Strong; and Nicholet Encampment, No. 3, located at St. Peter's, Minnesota, by the same brother. Stuart Encampment, located at Pictou, Nova Scotia, instituted by Grand Representative Fred. D. Stuart, of D. C.; Montano Lodge, No. 1, located at Helena, Montano Territory, instituted by D. D. Grand Sire Norcom.

From the reports received from the several instituting officers, I find these Lodges and Encampments have been started under very favorable and cheering prospects; and. from the determination evinced by the brethren, flourishing accounts may be expected from them in the future.

In conclusion, Representatives, I extend to you all a fraternal greeting at this Annual Session, where we all meet to legislate for an Order which is recognized by the great and the good as one productive of happiness and welfare to the human race, and, as an Order, standing to-day before the world as one of the recognized organizations having for its object the amelioration of the condition of their fellow man. I trust, therefore, that whatever we may do, may be done with an eye single to the welfare and prosperity of our beloved Order.

JAMES P. SANDERS, *Grand Sire.*

On motion of Rep. TERWILLIGER, of New York, this report was referred to a special committee of three, for the purpose of distributing to appropriate committees the different subjects therein referred to.

The Chair named Reps. ELLIS, of Maryland, HUNTER, of Louisiana, and PAGE, of Wisconsin, as the committee.

The R. W. Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary submitted his Annual Report, which was read, and is as follows:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

Herewith is respectfully presented the Annual Report of the Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary, with accompanying papers. The several duties specially assigned to him during the recess are comprised within the following resolutions:

DUTIES ASSIGNED AT THE LAST SESSION.

1. *Resolved*, That a copy of the proceedings had upon the announcement of the death of P. G. Rep. JOHN J. DAVIES, of New York, be forwarded to the Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment of the State of New York, and to the family of the deceased.

2. *Resolved*, That when the tract on Odd-Fellowship, authorized by resolution, shall have been prepared and approved by the M. W. Grand Sire, it shall be printed under the direction of this Grand Lodge, and be issued to Subordinate Grand Bodies, as other supplies, at a reasonable price.

3. *Resolved*, That the Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary be directed to transmit, in circular form, under the seal of this Grand Lodge, a copy of the resolution providing that in Subordinate Bodies under the immediate jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of the United States three black balls shall be necessary to reject candidates for initiation, and a majority vote to reject upon application for admission by card, to each Subordinate Lodge and Encampment working under the immediate jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge.

4. *Resolved*, That the Grand Secretary be directed to credit to Excelsior Lodge, No. 1, Sandwich Islands, the sum of $131.30, and charge the same to R. A. S. WOOD, late D. D. Grand Sire of that jurisdiction.

5. *Resolved*, That this Grand Body * * * * * * * respectfully requests the Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary, for and on behalf of this Grand Lodge, to purchase the duplicate portrait of P. G. Sire BOYLSTON, now in the hands of the artist, and present it, free of all charges and expense, in such manner as he may deem best, to Mrs. S. A. Boylston, the widow of our departed brother, as a memorial of our affection for him, and of our profound sympathy with her in the loss which she as well as we have sustained.

6. *Resolved*, That the resolutions offered by Rep. HOKE, of North Carolina, and unanimously adopted by this R. W. Grand Lodge at the session held in the city of Nashville, Tennessee, in the year 1860, (page 3281 of the Journal,) be carried into effect at the earliest moment convenient.

7. *Resolved*, That a bound copy of the Journal and Digest of this Grand Lodge be presented to each Officer and Representative who has not previously received the same.

8. *Resolved*, That the report of the Committee on the Wildey Monument, made on the occasion of the dedication of the Wildey Monument, September, 1865, be printed in the Appendix to the Journal of the present session and that the Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary prepare a state

ment showing, in detail, the whole amount of receipts and expenditures on account of the Wildey Monument, to be added thereto.

9. *Resolved*, That so soon as the Grand Lodge of the United States shall adjourn, the M. W. Grand Sire shall forthwith issue a circular directed to the Grand Lodges and Encampments under the jurisdiction of this R. W. Grand Lodge which have not been subjected to the ravages of the late civil war, setting forth the misfortunes and necessities of our brethren who have so greatly suffered from said cause; recommending the Grand Bodies of each of said jurisdictions to cause a circular to be issued to each of their Subordinates, calling their attention to the premises, and soliciting contributions for the aid of the Order in the South, and requiring them to pay the same to the R. W. Grand Secretary of each of said Grand Bodies.

10. *Resolved*, That the R. W. Grand Secretary of each Grand Body shall, as soon as may be, forward and pay all money received by them for said purpose to the R. W. Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary of this Body, who shall at once proceed to distribute the same *pro rata* among the several State jurisdictions of the States, respectively, of Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, Mississippi. Louisiana, Alabama, Tennessee and Arkansas, and pay the same to the Grand Masters thereof.

11. *Resolved*, That the distribution of the relief contemplated by the foregoing resolution shall be made under the advice and direction of the Grand Masters of the several State jurisdictions of said named States, and all proceedings hereunder by the R. W. Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary shall be reported to the next session of this R. W. Grand Body.

12. *Resolved*, That the sum of one thousand dollars is hereby appropriated by this Grand Lodge, to be paid to the Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary, and to be by him distributed as prescribed in the second resolution attached to the report of the Legislative Committee on the subject of relief of Southern jurisdictions.

13. *Resolved*, That the Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary forward to each of the members of this Grand Lodge the balance of the reports and daily Journals to which they are entitled under resolutions passed at this session.

14. *Resolved*, That the R. W. Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary be and he is hereby instructed to ascertain the amount paid into the treasury of this Grand Lodge by Greble Lodge, No. 1, a Lodge in the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Virginia, established by this Grand Lodge, and to place the amount so paid in for charter fee and dues to the credit of the said Grand Lodge of Virginia.

15. *Resolved*, That the incoming Grand Sire and Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary be authorized and requested to prepare and transmit to the proper authorities at Washington, under their official signatures, in the name and under the seal of the Grand Lodge of the United States, a suitable but earnest memorial asking for the brethren in New Orleans a speedy settlement of the claim for indemnity for the occupancy of and injury done to their Hall by the United States troops during the war.

16. *Resolved*, That the Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary be instructed to forward to each member of this Grand Lodge ten copies of the revised Journal of this Annual Session.

17. *Resolved*, That the R. W. Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary be requested to obtain the portrait of the last Past Grand Sire, to be placed in the cabinet of this R. W. Grand Body.

18. *Resolved*, That during the ensuing recess the R. W. Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary be requested to attach the proper name in large letters to each portrait in possession of this Grand Lodge.

19. *Resolved*, That the R. W. Grand Secretary be and he is hereby authorized to contract with P. G. Rep. JAMES YOUNG for the printing of the Revised Journal of Proceedings of the present session in accordance with

his proposal herewith submitted and marked "Accepted by the Committee on Printing."

20. *Resolved*, That four weeks previous to the holding of any session of this Grand Lodge, it shall be the duty of the Grand Secretary, through one daily paper of the city in which such session is held, to invite proposals for the printing of the Journal of this Body, the printer to furnish the necessary paper, and to stitch and cover the Journal, ready for distribution—the printing to be done according to the style of the Revised Journal, and the matter to be stereotyped, and the plates to be delivered to the Grand Secretary, in good order, as the property of the Grand Lodge of the United States, as soon as a sufficient number of copies are struck off to meet the purposes of the law requiring the distribution of the proceedings, which number the Grand Secretary must state, as near as practicable, in the advertisement. And such proposals for the said work as may be received shall be filed away by the Grand Secretary, with their seals unbroken, until twelve o'clock noon of the first day of the session therein designated, after which time no more proposals shall be received, and such as shall have been received shall be placed in the hands of the Committee on Printing, to be by them opened, examined, and decided upon.

21. *Resolved*, That in future the Grand Secretary be directed to advertise for proposals to print the Daily Journal, not to exceed five hundred copies daily, as directed by the 28th By-Law for printing the Revised Journal, and the said proposals be required to be handed in to the Grand Secretary at least ten days previous to the meeting of the Grand Lodge, and the same to be opened by the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer, who shall award the contract to the lowest and most responsible bidder.

I have the pleasure to report that the grateful duty devolved upon me by the first resolution was performed soon after the close of the last session. Bro. Dr. R. Morris Swander, of Philadelphia, the author of the celebrated chirographic portrait of P. G. Sire Wildey, was employed to prepare, according to his own taste and judgment, a full transcript of the entire proceeding had touching the death of our lamented brother, P. G. Rep. Jno. J. Davies, of New York. The artist performed his task with great ability and success, and produced a work alike beautiful in design and execution. The memorial thus prepared, was handsomely framed, and presented to the bereaved widow as an earnest of "the deep sympathy felt by the Grand Lodge of the United States with her in the irreparable loss she had sustained." The R. W. Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of New York, Bro. D. W. C. Langdon, kindly consented to make the presentation in person. The report, accompanied with Mrs. Davies' letter of acceptance and acknowledgment, and the general correspondence on the subject, are herewith submitted.

The second resolution was promptly carried into effect immediately upon the receipt of the manuscript copy of the Tract, endorsed with the approval of the M. W. Grand Sire. Several editions were printed, and as fast as received were supplied to the State Grand Bodies ordering it, at the cost of printing and paper, viz. at one dollar per hundred copies. This price was fixed for the reason that the design of the publication was not understood to be for revenue, but rather for the free and cheap diffusion of reliable information concerning the character and principles of the Order. About thirty thousand copies have been printed, of which some twenty thousand have been sold.

The third resolution has been complied with, and it is believed that the circular therein provided for has reached every Lodge and Encampment under this immediate jurisdiction.

The subject of the fourth resolution is especially called to the attention of the Lodge. The accounts of Excelsior Lodge with the Grand Lodge of the United States it was hoped were finally closed by the report of the Com-

mittee on Finance adopted at the last session, which directed the Grand Secretary to credit the said Lodge with the amount claimed to have been paid over to the D. D. Grand Sire of the United States as a final settlement, but notice has been given to the undersigned that the Lodge still rests under the conviction that there is a balance due to it, and the subject is again presented for consideration and action.

The duty devolved upon the Corresponding and Recording Secretary by the fifth resolution enlisted his immediate attention soon after the close of the last session. The duplicate portrait of P. G. Sire BOYLSTON was purchased, handsomely framed, and forwarded to Mrs. S. A. Boylston, at Winsboro', South Carolina, "free of all charge and expense." There being resident at Winsboro' no officer or brother known to the Corresponding and Recording Secretary to whom the office of its presentation could be committed, a letter was written accompanying the portrait, addressed to Mrs. Boylston, inviting its acceptance in behalf of the Grand Lodge of the United States as "a memorial of the affection cherished by that Body for her lamented husband, and of its profound sympathy with her in the great loss which she, as well as the Order at large, had sustained." To this communication a reply has been received, in which a grateful appreciation is testified for the value of the memorial itself, and for the sympathy manifested for his surviving relatives. The correspondence is herewith submitted.

The portrait of P. Deputy Grand Sire EDW'D H. FITZHUGH, of Virginia, contemplated by the sixth resolution, has been procured, and now adorns the walls of the Grand Lodge Chamber. It is hardly necessary for the undersigned to remark that the delay in carrying into effect the resolution of 1860, ordering the portrait of this distinguished brother, was occasioned by causes over which the Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary had no control.

The seventh resolution has been carried into effect.

In conformity to the directions of the eighth resolution, the report of the Wildey Monument Committee, made on the occasion of its dedication, was printed in the Appendix to the Journal of the last session, and a detailed statement of the receipts and expenditures on that account was kindly supplied by the Grand Treasurer, which was annexed thereto.

The ninth, tenth, eleventh, and twelfth resolutions, all relating to the subject of aid to the Southern Jurisdictions, received the earnest attention of the Grand officers charged with their execution. It will be seen that the duties assigned especially to the Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary in this connection have been only in part performed. The distribution of the fund has been by him deferred for reasons which he trusts, when explained, will be entirely satisfactory.

The circular, provided for in the ninth resolution, was issued by the M. W. Grand Sire soon after the close of the last session, and its distribution to the several State Grand Bodies was entered upon without delay by the Corresponding Secretary. It was, however, contemplated by the resolutions that action should be had through the State Grand Bodies "whose jurisdictions had not been subject to the ravages of the late civil war," and that the object in view should be first considered and endorsed by them, and commended by them in the form of a circular or an appeal to their respective Subordinates, as it was from the Subordinates mainly that contributions were to be expected. Most of these Grand Bodies assemble but once a year, at different periods, and some of the larger jurisdictions hold their annual session only a short time prior to the communication of the Grand Lodge of the United States; hence, although the circular of the M. W. Grand Sire was transmitted to the several State Jurisdictions at an early day, delay was unavoidable in their action upon the subject, and sufficient returns were not received until too late in the year to justify the correspondence and conference contemplated with the various State Grand Masters, with a view to the pro rata distribution of the fund. Under these circum-

stances the Corresponding Secretary deemed it wise to defer the distribution to await the further order of the Grand Lodge in the premises, when the fund should have been generally contributed and in hand. The amount has thus accumulated during the year, and reached on the first day of September, 1867, $5,366.42, which will doubtless be further increased.

Some doubt existing as to the proper disposition of the fund ad interim, in view of the fact that its immediate distribution by the Corresponding Secretary was contemplated, a correspondence on the subject, herewith submitted, led to the acceptance of it by the Grand Treasurer, to whom it was regularly paid over.

Whilst on this subject, I beg very respectfully to suggest an essential modification in the existing provision for the distribution and application of this fund. The law now contemplates a distribution of the fund by the Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary, upon conference with the State Grand Masters, upon a pro rata basis to be determined by such conference. This programme was doubtless provided under the idea that the fund would be received and applied during the recess; that plan having failed for the reason already assigned, and the Grand Lodge being now in session, it would appear to be eminently proper that legislation on this subject should be modified by the improved light and experience received during the year as to the wants and necessities of the position. The reports which come from the South show a greatly more shattered and desolated condition of the Order than has been hitherto imagined. For instance, to illustrate approximately the extent of the damage to be repaired, the following language, contained in a late letter from A. Paul Repiton, the distinguished Grand Master of North Carolina, and for many years a valuable member of this body, may be taken as a reflex of the general condition of the Order in the South. He remarks, under date of the 19th of August, 1867, as follows:

"Before the late struggle we numbered over sixty Lodges, with some sixteen hundred or more members; with all the energy of my predecessor, we are enabled to report at this time only twenty Lodges, with a membership of five hundred and eighty-two, a fraction over one-third, and an empty treasury. Many of our Lodges have been despoiled of their furniture, regalia and fixtures, and are not able to refurnish. The spirit is here and the material; all we want to induce resuscitation is a helping hand and fraternal indulgence" Language correspondent to this comes from every Southern State.

It is very evident that the larger proportion of the Lodges in the South are either dissolved or in languishing circumstances, and that the situation earnestly invites the special attention of the Grand Lodge. It is believed that if efficient means were adopted the most of the dormant Lodges could be revived during the ensuing year, and the employment of the fund already contributed, and to be hereafter contributed, in the most practical way of insuring that result should be adopted. It is suggested that a special, competent and reliable commissioner should be detailed in each of the jurisdictions South by the local authorities, with a view to a personal mission in this behalf to every Lodge in such jurisdictions, and that the fund should be subject to the order of the Grand Masters of the States respectively, upon such ratio of distribution as their Grand Representatives present at this session should agree upon and recommend. This, or some other than the existing plan, would much better subserve the important object in view, and great care should be taken that the golden fruit which we have a right to expect from the means employed be not lost for want of proper legislation.

The twelfth resolution places one thousand dollars to the credit of this fund, to be paid to the Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary for distribution in the manner prescribed in the tenth and eleventh resolutions

of the committee. This appropriation, for the reasons already assigned in relation to the general subject, has not been drawn from the treasury.

The thirteenth and fourteenth resolutions have been carried into effect.

In conformity to the fifteenth resolution, the memorial therein referred to was prepared and transmitted to the proper authorities at Washington by the M. W. Grand Sire, who will doubtless specially report upon the subject.

The sixteenth resolution has been complied with.

By direction of the seventeenth resolution, the Corresponding Secretary has the pleasure to report that an accurate and beautifully executed portrait of the distinguished P. G. Sire, ISAAC M. VEITCH, of Missouri, has been obtained, which now forms a part of the valuable gallery of the Grand Lodge of Maryland.

The eighteenth resolution has been obeyed, and the proper name, in large letters, now appears upon each portrait in the possession of the Grand Lodge of the United States.

A contract was entered into with P. G. Rep. JAS. YOUNG, of Baltimore, for the printing of the Revised Journal of Proceedings of the last session, in accordance with his proposals and the order of the Committee on Printing accepting the same. The work has been executed to the satisfaction of the Corresponding Secretary, and was distributed immediately upon its reception.

The twentieth and twenty-first resolutions have been carried into effect, by publication in the New York Times, a copy of which is herewith submitted. The proposals received for printing the Revised Journal, under seal, will be handed to the Committee on Printing. The proposals for printing the Daily Journal the Corresponding Secretary and Grand Treasurer, by authority of law, have opened and considered. The contract has been awarded to ....., he being the lowest responsible bidder.

Other subjects of duty devolved upon the Corresponding Secretary during the recess will be reported to the appropriate session.

The Journals of Proceedings of the several State Grand Bodies have been received as follows:

JOURNALS OF STATE GRAND BODIES RECEIVED.

GRAND LODGES.

Louisiana, January, 1866, to August, 1867, pamphlet, also bound copy of entire Journal from July, 1860, to August, 1865.

Tennessee, October 31, 1866, pamphlet copy.

Delaware, July, 1866, to December, 1866, also bound copy from 1857 to 1866.

Oregon, May 15, 1867, pamphlet copy.

Maryland, April, 1867, also bound volume complete from 1864 to 1867.

South Carolina, January, 1866, to January, 1867, pamphlet.

West Virginia, April, 1867, pamphlet.

Texas, February, 1867, pamphlet.

Virginia, April, 1867, pamphlet.

Wisconsin, January, 1867, pamphlet.

Connecticut, February, 1867, pamphlet.

Pennsylvania, May to November, 1866, Nov. to May, 1867, pamphlet.

North Carolina, July, 1866, pamphlet.

District of Columbia, January to December, 1866, pamphlet.

New York, August, 1866, pamphlet.

New Jersey, November, 1866, being volume five, pamphlet.

Kansas, October, 1866, volume five, pamphlet.

Maine, August, 1866, volume five, pamphlet.

Iowa, October, 1866, volume five, pamphlet.

Mississippi, July, 1866, volume five, pamphlet.

Michigan, January, 1867, volume five, pamphlet.

Massachusetts, August, 1866, volume five, pamphlet.
Indiana, November, 1866, volume five, pamphlet,
Ohio, May, 1867, volume five, pamphlet.
Missouri, May, 1867, volume five, pamphlet.
Kentucky, October, 1866, volume five, pamphlet.
Minnesota, June, 1867, volume five, pamphlet.
Alabama, February, 1862, to February, 1867, pamphlet.
Canada West, August, 1866, pamphlet.
California, volume three, 1865 to 1867, bound.
Rhode Island, August, 1867, pamphlet.
Nevada, June, 1867.

GRAND ENCAMPMENTS.

Tennessee, October 29, 1866, pamphlet.
Kentucky, October, 1866, pamphlet.
Texas, February, 1867, pamphlet.
Maryland, October, 1866, April, 1867, pamphlet.
Illinois, October, 1866, pamphlet.
Ohio, May, 1867, pamphlet.
Virginia, April, 1867, pamphlet.
District of Columbia, January to November, 1866, pamphlet.
New York, August, 1866, pamphlet.
Massachusetts, August, 1866, pamphlet.
Iowa, October, 1866, pamphlet.
Indiana, November, 1866, pamphlet.
Missouri, May, 1867, pamphlet.
California, 1867.
Michigan, 1857 to 1867.

It will be seen that thirty-two State Grand Lodges and fifteen Grand Encampments have transmitted their Journals of Proceedings to the Grand Lodge of the United States. I beg also to note the interesting fact, in this connection, that two of these Grand Bodies, to wit, Louisiana and Alabama, have supplied full Journals of their proceedings during the civil war, when they were entirely out of communication with the Grand Lodge of the United States.

PERIODICALS RECEIVED.

I have also received the several periodicals devoted to the cause of Odd-Fellowship, published in the general jurisdiction during the past year, as a free gift to the Library of the Grand Lodge of the United States, for which the thanks of the Lodge are due to the donors, to wit:

P. G. M. JOHN W. ORR, New York.....American Odd-Fellow.
P. G. Rep. D. NORCROSS, San Francisco.....New Age.
Bro. M. C. LILLY, Columbus, Ohio.....Odd-Fellows' Companion.
Bro. D. B. HARRINGTON, Mason, Michigan....The Western Odd-Fellow.
Bro. W. J. CHAPLIN, Chicago. Illinois.....Olive Wreath.
G. Sec. S. WILLARD and N. C. NASON, Peoria,
Illinois.....The Memento.
Bro. H. G. REYNOLDS, Springfield, Illinois....Odd-Fellows' Union.

GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE—REPORT ON.

The correspondence during the year has been unusually voluminous and agreeable. An increased demand has existed for supplies over all former years, and great promptness has characterized all the jurisdictions in the adjustment of their accounts with the Grand Lodge of the United States. Gratifying as was the general aspect of the Order, as presented at the last session, it will be a source of general congratulation to the Representatives to be informed that its prosperity has continued during the present year.

The following general exhibit is deduced from the Annual Reports and general correspondence of the office:

Lower Provinces of British North America.—This jurisdiction, in which the Order languished for several years past, is, I am gratified to report, in a decidedly improving way. During the year I have had a full correspondence with Bro. JOHN MATHESON, at Albion Mines, Nova Scotia, appointed at the last session D. D. Grand Sire. This worthy brother has labored efficiently and successfully in reviving the dormant and suspended energies of the brotherhood, and advises me at length, in a detailed report, of the real condition of the Order in the Lower Provinces. Eastern Star Lodge, located at Pictou, Fuller Lodge, at Albion Mines, and Norton Lodge, at New Glasgow, are all at work, and in an improving way. Bro. MATHESON speaks of the prospects of the Order as favorable, and full of good promise in the future. P. G. Rep. FRED. D. STUART, of the District of Columbia, appointed by the M. W. Grand Sire special commissioner to visit this jurisdiction, had reached Albion Mines at the date of Bro. MATHESON's writing, viz. on the 24th of July, and entered actively upon the work committed to him; a special report in reference to this jurisdiction will doubtless be made by him. The Annual Report has been received, showing an aggregate membership in the three Lodges of two hundred.

Michigan.—The Annual Reports of this State have been received. Bro. B. VERNON, the able and efficient Grand Secretary, writes, in sending his report, as follows: "We are hard at work, as our returns will prove; our Grand Master SPRAGUE is working like a beaver, stirring up all parts of the jurisdiction, and the life and energy exhibiting throughout the State is strong evidence that his work is telling. Four Encampments and two Lodges were instituted by Grand Reps. DENNIS and FOSTER in the Lake Superior region in June last." There are seventy-one Lodges in the State, with a membership of four thousand and five hundred.

Massachusetts.—The Annual Reports from this State have been received from the efficient and ever prompt Grand Secretary and Grand Scribe, Bro. CHARLES D. COLE. The state of the Order in this jurisdiction is in the highest degree prosperous and cheering. Bro. COLE describes it in the following gratifying terms, in his letter accompanying the reports:

"It is with great pleasure," he remarks, "that I forward to you the reports of the Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment of Massachusetts. The reports speak for themselves, and exhibit a net increase in the membership of the Subordinate Lodges of nearly one thousand, a greater increase than we have had in any one year for a period of eighteen years. Two new Lodges have been instituted during the past year, and a charter has been granted for another new Lodge, and the probabilities are, that during the present year quite a number of the Lodges whose charters have been surrendered will be reinstated, and more new charters will be granted. The prospects of the good and great cause of Odd-Fellowship in the 'Old Bay State' never looked more promising than at the present time.

"The sessions of our Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment were very fully attended, and a great deal of interest was manifested in carrying on the business. The regular meetings of the Subordinates have never been more pleasant and encouraging than at the present time. The Encampment branch keeps pace with the Subordinate Lodges. One new Encampment has been instituted, and the increase in membershlp is highly satisfactory to all; in fact, Bro. RIDGELY, the good time for which we have so long been anxiously waiting has at length arrived, and the only thing I have to fear is that we shall grow too rapidly, but I am in hopes that, with the wisdom gained by past experience, all bad effects which would naturally arise from a too rapid growth will be avoided."

New Hampshire.—Under date of 24th of August, 1867, I have an interesting letter from Bro. JOEL TAYLOR, the experienced Grand Secretary of

New Hampshire. In a few, but highly gratifying words, he presents the condition of the Order. "It gives him pleasure," he remarks, "to note the healthy increase of our beloved Order within this jurisdiction. The growth for the last three years has been about ten per cent. each year, and the amount contributed for relief has been at about the same rate—indicating that the institution is a power for good in the community, and will continue to increase while the members endeavor to do good as each one has an opportunity."

Rhode Island.—Odd-Fellowship, it will be seen by the Annual Reports of the Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment of the State, continues to be in a healthful and growing condition. The efficient Grand Secretary and Grand Scribe of this jurisdiction, Brother JOHN F. DRISCOLL, congratulates the brotherhood at large "that the Lodges and Encampments are in a most prosperous way;" "the attendance, (he remarks,) at the meetings of the Subordinates in both branches is much larger than it has been for many years past, and the contributions in behalf of meritorious subjects requiring aid from other jurisdictions also larger than in any preceding year, thus illustrating the noble principles in progress, and demonstrating the practical truth of the proverb that 'a liberal heart shall be made fat, and he that watereth shall be watered also himself.' We have been called to mourn the death of many of our worthy co-laborers, among whom, one who, for many years, was recognized as our guide and father in Odd-Fellowship. P. G. Master JAMES WOOD, well known to you and the Order at large as a pioneer in the good cause, has been called to his final rest, leaving behind him an example pure and spotless, not only as a philanthropist, but for traits of character in the walks of private life which justly endeared him to all who knew him."

Connecticut.—The Annual Reports from this jurisdiction present the Order in a most agreeable aspect. The worthy and ever attentive Grand Secretary and Grand Scribe, Bro. LUCIUS A. THOMAS, writes under date of 16th August, 1867, "that Odd-Fellowship has made satisfactory progress in Connecticut, especially the Encampment branch, having resuscitated three Encampments and initiated one hundred and fifty-one, against fifty-eight last year. The Lodges have made a healthy growth, and have funds on hand amounting to more than fifty thousand dollars, and are on a firm foundation." To this cheering statement of the Grand Secretary may be justly added—what his characteristic modesty did not permit him to mention—that the Order in Connecticut has testified its devotion to the great cause of human brotherhood in the most substantial and practical manner, by contributing the very large and liberal sum of nearly nine hundred dollars in aid of Southern Lodges, and has paid over the amount to the Corresponding and Recording Secretary. Considering the strength of the Order in the State, this is a most generous response to the appeal in behalf of their desolated brethren.

New Jersey.—From this jurisdiction we have the most cheering and encouraging report. The annual returns transmitted with the accustomed promptness of Bro. JOHN O. RAUM, the efficient Grand Secretary and Grand Scribe, have been received; accompanying which he writes as follows:

"In submitting my annual reports, it affords me great pleasure to be able to state that the increase in our beloved Order has been still greater the year just closed than it was the preceding one. An interest has been awakened among the membership, and our Lodge meetings are better attended than for many years before. The principles of the Order are being more widely promulgated by the membership, and many who have never before looked upon our Order with favor, but have stood aloof from it as though it was something to be dreaded, are now seeking admission within our council and their influence has been felt throughout our entire jurisdiction. They are men of intelligence, who see in our Order something more than its mere pecuniary beneficial feature, and who can appreciate its intrinsic excel-

lences. They see that its objects are 'to improve and elevate the character of man; to imbue him with proper conceptions of his capabilities for good; to enlighten his mind, and enlarge the sphere of his affections.' They see, too, by our daily ministrations to our suffering and dying brother, that our Order does not consist of professions merely, but that it is a living reality. Hence its progress. Frequent meetings and anniversaries are held throughout our jurisdiction, where the principles of our Order are ably discussed, and the people are thereby made acquainted with its objects and aims, and learn that its objects are to make men wiser, better, and consequently happier, and that we admit none into our ranks who are not moral and upright before God and man."

I acknowledge the receipt of a copy of the Digest of Laws of this State handsomely bound.

Pennsylvania.—The veteran Grand Secretary and Grand Scribe of Pennsylvania, Bro. WM. CURTIS, who has been in harness and at active labor in the good cause for thirty odd years, in transmitting the Annual Reports, writes as follows: "I send you enclosed the Annual Report of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, which will not suffer in comparison with any former one, and I can assure you that it is indeed gratifying to me to be able to give such evidence of Odd-Fellowship as is contained therein." Four hundred and ninety-eight Lodges are reported at work, comprising a membership of nearly sixty thousand; the revenue has reached nearly a half a million of dollars, of which the large sum of two hundred and forty thousand dollars has been applied for relief.

District of Columbia.—I am advised by the very efficient Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge, Bro. P. HALL SWEET, under date of July, 30th 1867, that he reports, with feelings of the highest gratification, the continued prosperity and advancement of the Order in this jurisdiction, and that judging of the future by the past, he augurs greater prosperity in the time to come. He remarks: "I cannot fathom the mysteries of the future; but sometimes imagination leaps on through coming years, and I behold this great brotherhood of ours, with its constant, careful, ceaseless toil, carrying out the great principles of its holy, glorious mission, rejoicing that the day has at last arrived when all the members of the human family are bound together into one vast brotherhood, the effects of which renovation are graphically described by the glowing pen of Isaiah: 'the wilderness and the solitary place shall be glad for them; and the desert shall rejoice and blossom as the rose.'"

Virginia.—I am in receipt of the Annual Reports from this State, accompanying which the worthy Grand Secretary, Bro. WILLIAM I. RIDDICK, advices me, in terms corresponding with the voice from every Southern Jurisdiction, of the severe ordeal through which the Order is still called to pass in its gallant struggle for recuperation. "I regret," he writes, "that it is not in my power to say something more encouraging as regards the re-establishment of the Order in our jurisdiction than the enclosed report exhibits. I can say that in many quarters interest in the Order is reviving; our impoverished membership is struggling under adverse circumstances to re-build the Order in the State, and will never cease to look forward with earnest and well founded hope to the day when the energy and zeal of the fraternity shall achieve more glorious triumphs in the future than the past has ever witnessed. We shall struggle on amidst poverity and adversity, inspired by the hope that in 'due time we shall reap, if we faint not.'"

The Grand Scribe, Bro. A. I. BURR, accompanies his report with the following remarks: "Our report is not what I could wish to have it, for, whilst we have two Encampments revived, the membership is less. The difficulties that our Order has had to face and overcome for the last two years may never be told. Nothing but the firm conviction that the principles on which our Order is based are immutable and must triumph has given us strength to press on. We hope and believe that the darkest hour is now

passing, and that a bright morn will soon break upon our Order, and that its enlivening influence will impart new vigor and life."

West Virginia.—The venerable and zealous Grand Secretary of this jurisdiction, Bro. THOS. G. STEELE, writes under date of August 20th, 1867, as follows: "In transmitting to you the Annual Report of the Grand Lodge of West Virginia, it gives me great pleasure to state that the Order in West Virginia is in a prosperous and healthy condition. In my last annual return we had only twenty-seven Lodges at work, with a membership of sixteen hundred and ten; this year we have thirty-four Lodges, and two thousand and sixty members, an increase of four hundred and fifty members. We have yet some four Lodges that have not resumed work, but there is good hope of their being reorganized before the next meeting of our Grand Lodge.

North Carolina.—In relation to the condition of the Order in this State, I have already referred to the letter of the Grand Master, Bro. A. PAUL REPITON, and beg to present a further extract from his letter, from which not only the prostration of the Order in the State may be fully seen, but also the noble spirit which animates the brotherhood, if properly and timely succored, to struggle on earnestly and persistently for its revival. "We hope," he remarks, "that our supreme head, the Grand Lodge of the United States, will be lenient and charitable towards us, especially as we confidently trust we shall be able to meet all of our liabilities after a season. We have entered upon a new career in Odd-Fellowship, and believe that the spirit manifested on the part of the Grand and Subordinate Lodges will ere long be productive of the increased prosperity of our beloved Order. As its present presiding officer I shall labor on to that end. Meanwhile we pray for fraternal indulgence: all we ask for is time to develop our resources and repair our misfortunes." The Annual Report is received.

South Carolina.—The Annual Report from this State has been received. Bro. JOHN H. HONOR, Jr., the esteemed Grand Secretary, writes under date of August 6th, 1867, as follows:

"I regret exceedingly that the return does not exhibit a more favorable aspect. At the same time, I am gratified that, under present circumstances, it is not worse than it is. The pecuniary destitution under which we have labored under since the termination of the late war has very much impeded our onward progess. Many, very many, of our brothers, who have the interest of the Order at heart, have, for the want of means to meet their dues, been compelled to allow themselves to be suspended from membership, and from the same cause there have been but few accessions to our number. But the zeal and ardor of those who remain is as lively and active as ever, and we confidently look forward to the time when the sun of prosperity will dispel the now existing darkness, and the bright influences of Friendship, Love, and Truth shine with a greater lustre than ever. Will not those of our brothers who are blessed with prosperity remember us, who, though at present under a cloud, do not hesitate to express an equal devotion to our common cause, and with a little assistance can, and will, do all that hearts fondly aspire to, 'in relieving the distressed, burying the dead, supporting the widow, and educating the orphan.'"

In addition to this statement, I subjoin the following from the worthy Grand Scribe, Bro. P. S. JACOBS.

"From the return you will perceive that the Encampment branch has slightly improved; scarcity of money is no doubt the cause that we have no more initiations. Our worthy brother, JOHN MCKENZIE, the present Grand Patriarch and Representative from the Grand Lodge, a veteran Odd-Fellow and a zealous brother, together with Bro. MARTIN, the Grand Representative, are doing all in their power to keep up that branch of our beloved Order. Since the last session of the Grand Lodge of the United States, the Order in South Carolina has sustained a great loss in the death of Past Grand Patriarch and Past Grand Representative, Bro. EDWARD MITCHELL;

this is considered an irreparable loss to the Order in South Carolina. I hope that you will recommend to your Grand Lodge to give us some indulgence to pay the balance due them, until times will be better, or, if it meets your views, to have the dues of 1865 remitted, which, I believe, are yet unpaid."

Georgia.—Bro. GEO. R. BARKER, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Georgia, refers to the Annual Report, which he transmits, by which it appears that in consequence of the reduction of membership, the Grand Lodge is entitled to but one Representative. The number of Lodges reported is fourteen, with a membership of nine hundred and ninety-two. In 1859 this State reported twenty-three Lodges.

Florida.—A letter received from Bro. SAMUEL QUAILE, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Florida, accompanies the Annual Report, dated the 19th of August, 1867, enclosing an application for the aid of the Grand Lodge of the United States in behalf of Mechanics' Lodge, No. 8, to enable said Lodge to repossess its Hall property, which it is alleged has been confiscated by the Government. The application is herewith submitted. Five Lodges are reported as at work in the State, with a membership of one hundred and twenty.

Mississippi.—I have from this State a most interesting account, from the veteran and highly valuable Grand Secretary, JOHN B. DICKS, which, notwithstanding its detail, I venture to print, for the reason that whilst it displays the earnest zeal and devotion of the brotherhood in that jurisdiction to the good cause, it supplies full information in relation to the embarrassments which just now afflict the South, and the great need of aid to enable them to reconstruct their Lodges rapidly and efficiently. Bro. DICKS, under date of the 15th of August, 1867, writes as follows:

"I am unusually late in forwarding to your office my annual official letter, reports, &c., for the jurisdiction of Mississippi; before I close my letter will explain all.

"The Grand Lodge of Mississippi was convened in Annual Session at the city of Jackson on Monday, the 22d ultimo. The elective Grand Officers were all present, and a representation from thirty Lodges. The reports exhibted a gradual improvement in the condition of the Lodges at work. Since the Annual Session of 1866, there have been four new Lodges organized, making five new ones since the re-organization in 1865. The very impoverished condition of our Lodges has disappointed my expectation of remitting, in July, to you, by draft, a portion of the debt due by this Grand Lodge to the Grand Lodge of the United States. Our receipts during the year, after paying for printing of proceedings, session 1866, representative tax to Grand Lodge United States same year, and other incidentals, also the mileage and per diem (which covered all necessary expenses of representatives) for attendance at July Session, 1867, leaves but a small balance—an amount insufficient to discharge the obligations of the Grand Lodge in full at the present time. The same remarks will apply, to some extent, to the financial condition of the Grand Encampment of this jurisdiction. Enclosed herewith find sight draft on New York, to pay as follows: Note of Grand Lodge of Mississippi, and due September, 1867, $150. Note of Grand Encampment of Mississippi, and due September, 1867, $75. Representative Tax Grand Lodge of Mississippi for 1867, $150. Representative Tax Grand Encampment of Mississippi for 1867, $75. Together making a total of $450. The above notes, I believe, are entitled to interest, the rate and amount of which was not expressed on the face of same at the time of executing the notes. Whatever the amount may be, will have to be an after consideration. As to amount of this item, please advise me immediately. In former years I was always enabled to bring up the arrearages of and pay out same from my private purse, waiting for the Grand Lodge to refund myself at its convenience. At present I am not in a condition to render such assistance, and for the balance due the Grand Lodge of the

United States for supplies, &c. that may remain unpaid at its approaching Annual Session, this Grand Lodge will have to claim the usual leniency of the Grand Lodge United States.

"I take the liberty, while on the subject of our pecuniary affairs, to ask, will the Southern Jurisdictions receive any benefit from the recommendation of the Grand Lodge United States at its last session, that the State Jurisdictions North, and not embarrassed from the effects of the war, contribute at their discretion to aid the Southern Jurisdictions in their time of great need? Thinking that you may have some information on the subject, though a question of some delicacy, I do not, under the circumstances, hesitate to present it, leaving it to your judgment to appreciate my motive in so doing. I am extremely anxious that the jurisdiction of Mississippi should be placed in a proper light before her sister jurisdictions, and that her present inability to discharge every obligation she is in duty bound to do does not arise from any want of interest in the general welfare of the Order, but from the present impoverished condition of its membership. I find no abatement in the zeal of our membership. Very considerable sacrifices have been made in numerous individual instances to revive the work here. To these exertions, with some expenditures of means on their part, may be attributed what little of success to the Order, in this jurisdiction, has been accomplished since the re-organization of this Grand Lodge in August, 1865.

"I now change the subject to a misfortune occurring at the close of the late Annual Session of the Grand Lodge. After the close of the session, the Grand Secretary had his book trunks, also a tin trunk, the latter of which contained the rough minute books, all the papers of the session, and all the reports from the Subordinate Lodges, and Grand Officers, for the past year, removed from the Hall to his boarding house in the city of Jackson, and placed in his bed-room, which room was occupied by himself and P. G. Masters LOVE and KEELER. During the night, while all were sound asleep, a thief steathily entered the room, and carried off the tin trunk, and as yet, although advertised and a liberal reward offered for the recovery of the papers, and no questions asked, no development favorable has occurred. It places me in a very awkward situation, and I will not be enabled, in consequence of this misfortune, to make out the usual annual report of this jurisdiction in time for the approaching session of the Grand Lodge United States, all of which I exceedingly regret; but the circumstances related, I trust, will be a good and sufficient excuse for the non-reception of our annual report. I have waited several weeks, hoping a recovery of the papers, to enable me to make report, in which I am still disappointed. I will now have to resort to duplicates of the lost papers as far as they can be procured, and at as early a day as possible to make out our annual report. Will you have the kindness to present, on behalf our Grand Lodge, to the Grand Lodge of the United States, the facts here given as the reason that the report of this jurisdiction was not forwarded in due time, trusting its non-appearance, under the circumstances, will be favorably considered, and not in any way prejudice our Representatives to seats in Grand Lodge at the approaching session."

Louisiana.—During the recess the Order in Louisiana has been called to mourn the death of Grand Secretary HENRY BIER, one of the most zealous, efficient, and distinguished of its membership; an early, persistent, and successful laborer in our moral vineyard, and a citizen of irreproachable private character. His long and valuable official correspondence with the Corresponding Secretary had awakened a close personal attachment, which was uninterruptedly and cordially reciprocated through many years. His loss will be greatly felt by the Order at large, for his humanity was not narrowed by the confines of his State Jurisdiction, but reached out for his fellow man wherever suffering was to be relieved. The proceedings of the Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment of the State, relating to his death, are herewith presented. His successor, Bro. JOSIAH FOLGER, has transmitted the Annual

Report of the Grand Lodge, and I have also received the returns of the Grand Encampment from Bro. J. T. WINNEMORE, the worthy Grand Scribe. The Grand Lodge report exhibits a decidedly healthful condition of the Order. There are thirty-one Subordinate Lodges at work, with an aggregate membership of over seventeen hundred, which, considering the very unsettled state of public affairs in this State, is highly gratifying. It is, however, by no means a reflex of what the Order is capable of attaining under more favorable auspices, which it may be hoped will soon be inaugurated. Grand Scribe WINNEMORE remarks, in a letter accompanying the report of the Grand Encampment, as follows:

"By reference to the enclosed report you will notice that the predictions of my predecessor have been fully realized. We have re-pitched a stricken tent, which promises to stand more firmly than ever, and our return shows an increase of sixty-five members over our last report. From the lively interest manifested by the newly exalted members, and from the zeal and devotion displayed by our present M. W. Grand Patriarch, LUTHER HOMES, I have no hesitancy in predicting that the next report will not only show new Encampments, but the resuscitation of several which have been dormant for some years."

Delaware.—In no part of the general jurisdiction is our Order established on a firmer basis or in more prosperous circumstances than in Delaware. The story of its success is told in a few, yet emphatic and comprehensive words, by the very able and efficient Grand Secretary, Bro. EDWARD MCINTYRE, who writes under date of July 27, that "from all parts of the State the most gratifying evidence and assurance is supplied of the rapid progress of the principles of the Order and of the increased prosperity of the Lodges, numerically and financially. Odd-Fellowship never had a firmer hold upon the affections of the community generally than it has at the present time in Delaware." Twenty-nine Lodges, with a membership of nearly twenty-five hundred, exist in the State. There are also seven Encampments at active work.

Maryland.—Odd-Fellowship in this State has become long since a distinctive institution, universally known and recognized as among the most worthy and well-deserving organizations for good among men which exist anywhere, in the State or out of it. Its educational efforts and splendid library arrangements, independently of the general moral and beneficiary features of the Order, have earned for it a high reputation, and its faithful administration of its legitimate work and adherence to its exclusive sphere, have been no inconsiderable elements of its value and correspondent success. The Grand Secretary, Bro. J. B. ESCAVAILLE, remarks, in his letter accompanying the Annual Report, as follows:

"In submitting this report, I beg to say that the operations of the Order during the year just closed have been characterized by an unusual amount of zeal and energy in its several departments; the increase in membership has been healthy and vigorous, and the prosperous condition of the Order in this jurisdiction affords the most abundant cause for congratulation. In the matter of relief to the sick and distressed, the amount expended during the year for the various purposes contemplated by the Order was sixty-one thousand one hundred and fifty-four dollars and eighty-three cents, ($61,154.83,) and in addition to this sum there has been appropriated, in *voluntary donations* of charity, the sum of five thousand five hundred and thirty-one dollars and fifty-nine cents, ($5,531.59.) Much of this amount was donated in response to *special* calls for aid from Lodges located in the Southern jurisdictions. The action of the Grand Lodge of the United States at its last session, relative to a general system of relief for the jurisdictions in the South, has been but recently promulgated to the Lodges in this State, and the returns now being made in response to the circular of the M. W. Grand Master on that subject indicate a generous and hearty

compliance with the object of the Grand Lodge of the United States in the premises."

Missouri.—This State, always in the front rank of our Order, continues most gallantly to maintain its honored position. The very valuable and worthy Grand Secretary, Bro. C. C. ARCHER, writes upon the condition of the Order in the jurisdiction as follows:

"It gives me pleasure to state that the star of Odd-Fellowship in Missouri continues in the ascendant and shines with a brighter lustre than at any former period, even in the most prosperous past of our history. In my communication accompanying the annual returns from this jurisdiction, made to you one year ago, I stated that we expected the present year would be equally as prosperous as the one then closed. My anticipations have not only been fully realized, but our success has gone beyond our most sanguine hopes. We increased eleven Lodges, as shown by the report, to the end of the fiscal year, and six more since that date, making in all seventeen. We show an increase net gain of nearly one thousand members, having attained an aggregate of contributing membership largely in excess of any previously reported number. The prospects for the coming year are cheering. Several localities in which there has heretofore been no Lodges are about asking for warrants, and the few Lodges which were compelled to relinquish work on account of the disturbed condition of the country will soon be revived. I predict a brilliant future for Missouri, and confidently believe that the day is not far distant when she will be one of the largest and strongest jurisdictions in the confederation of Odd-Fellowship."

Alabama.—From this State we have the same report of the difficulties and embarrassments which arrest reconstruction of the Order in the South generally. Bro. STUART W. CAYCE, the R. W. G. Secretary, in transmitting the Annual Report, represents "that although the present return is an improvement upon that of last year, it nevertheless falls short of the anticipations of the brotherhood at the commencement of the year, mainly owing to the unsettled condition of the country and the general prostration." Twenty-five Lodges, with a membership of nearly eight hundred, are reported. The Order in this State is doing well under all the circumstances which surround it, as will be apparent by a comparison of the present report with that of 1859, when thirty-two Lodges, with a membership of eleven hundred, were at work.

Illinois.—The same heart-cheering voice which greets our ears from the entire North and West, comes up from this great jurisdiction in our Order. All is harmony and consequent prosperity within her extended domain, and beneath the ample fold of her broad banner of peace and good will to men on earth, her thousands and tens of thousands proclaim their unalterable devotion to the great and good cause of human benefaction. Bro. SAMUEL WILLARD, the distinguished and highly valued Grand Secretary, in his favor of the 29th ultimo, announces, in a few emphatic words, the pleasing fact that "there is gratifying increase in the Order in Illinois. The initiations are seventeen per cent. more than last year; the admissions by card about thirteen per cent. more; the total revenue five per cent. larger, and the total membership about sixteen per cent. larger, so that we have seven members now for every six then. And the relief report shows that the benefactions of the Order have increased with the growth of its means and of its members. We have not made as many new Lodges as in some years, but it has been our policy (successful, too) to revive those that have long been asleep." To this highly gratifying statement I beg to annex some extracts from a letter dated August 19, 1867, received from the worthy Grand Scribe, Bro. N. C. NASON. He remarks, with much force, that "the prosperity attending the work of the Patriarchal Order in this jurisdiction, which I noted in my last report, has not in any degree abated. Ten new Encampments have been instituted during the year just closed, and one that was defunct revived. In membership our net gain is 530, being about thirty per cent.

against twenty-two per cent. the year previous. The revenue of the Encampments has increased nearly fifty per cent., and the amount paid for relief has considerably more than doubled. The prejudice against this branch of the Order, which the 'mergement' agitation of years past tended so much to foster, now that that question has been finally put to rest, has almost wholly disappeared, and no true Odd-Fellow seems to be satisfied until he can wear the Royal Purple."

Indiana.—It is cheering to the heart of every true Odd-Fellow, and every friend of the great cause of humanity, to look out upon the splendid field occupied by our beloved Order in this great jurisdiction. In every quarter of the State has it taken and made fast its firm hold upon the confidence and esteem of the people. In every considerable city, town, and village is its banner uplifted, and its altars surrounded by thousands and tens of thousands of zealous votaries. Bro. E. H. BARRY, the distinguished Grand Secretary and Grand Scribe of the jurisdiction, employs language far more forcefully descriptive of the condition of Odd-Fellowship than any words which I could use. I furnish, therefore, his glowing account of the great strength and success of its mission for good among men in that State. He remarks, under date of July 20, 1867, as follows:

"Never, in all our history, have we had as great success, and never was Odd-Fellowship so generally commended and appreciated, and all because its true spirit is infused throughout the brotherhood. We stand pre-eminent among all similar institutions. In our reports for the past three or four years we have represented our prosperity as 'unprecedented,' 'unparalleled.' If there be a prosperity beyond this, then is Odd-Fellowship in Indiana blessed with it. Our success, though eminent, is not wonderful; it is the result of the fidelity of the brotherhood to the duties we enjoin. They are imbued with our principles; exemplify them in their lives; labor to make them the pre-eminent characteristics of our Order; and thus have we conquered prejudice, secured the commendation of the world, and the co-operation of the wise and the good, and are successfully pursuing our mission to make men more useful to their kind, more helpful to the distressed, more regularly thoughtful of the happiness of those around them."

Ohio.—This jurisdiction of our Order is one of which we may be justly proud, in both branches of the work. Its progress corresponds and keeps pace with the rapid march which the body politic has made in its career of greatness as a leading State of the Federal Union. Three hundred and thirty-six Lodges, with a membership of over twenty-five thousand, exist in this State, and the march is still onward. Bro. WM. C. EARL, the able Grand Secretary, accompanies the Annual Report with the following eloquent words:

"The banner of Odd-Fellowship is daily spreading its folds over increased numbers. No longer is our title a mere sound. It is rapidly being accepted by the good and true hearted philanthropist, regardless of station in life, as the synonym of benevolence and brotherly love. Our ranks are filling, and yet there is abundant room for more. Our doors are thrown freely open to all who seek admission in the right spirit, and the invitation is freely given to come and become co-workers with us in the dissemination of the theory and the practical application of the principles of 'Friendship, Love, and Truth.' Cheerfully do we say 'come all ye that hunger and thirst' with a desire to benefit and elevate the human family, put your strong shoulders to the wheel, and assist us to push on the car of progress. Of details, I need not speak, the report tells the story in full."

The very worthy and efficient Grand Scribe, Bro. WM. M. HUBBELL, presents a no less favorable account of the Patriarchal Branch in Ohio than that presented by Grand Secretary EARL. Under date of August, 1867, upon my invitation, he writes as follows:

"The Patriarchal Branch of the Order in this jurisdiction was never in such a flourishing condition as it is at present. The best of good feeling

and harmony prevails, and the interest felt by the Patriarchs in making known the beautiful teachings of our Ritual is steadily increasing, and many weary Pilgrims find shelter beneath our tents.

"It is gratifying to all true Odd-Fellows to see and hear of the continued prosperity of the Order throughout the Union, and it seems as though our members are just beginning to know the mission of Odd-Fellowship, and putting that knowledge to an useful account by practising its teachings. May they continue in the good work 'until the coming of that period, yet in the womb of time, when the tears and woes of this world shall be submerged by the healing tide that shall flow from the fountains of benevolence and charity.'"

Kentucky.—Bro. WM. WHITE, long recognized by the Corresponding Secretary as one of the most accomplished and efficient Grand Secretaries of the Order, has transmitted the Annual Reports from this State with his accustomed promptitude. In a letter accompanying, he presents the work and condition of the Order in the following cheering language:

"You will perceive that the high state of prosperity exhibited in previous reports has not in the least declined or abated in Kentucky, but is still aglow with new life and activity in both the Subordinate and Patriarchal Branches; and it is with feelings of pride and satisfaction I say the year just closed has been one of unprecedented success and prosperity, in every particular, to the Order in Kentucky.

The admissions to membership in Subordinate Lodges.....	1172
The dismissions.....	407
Giving a net increase or gain of.....	765
The admissions in Subordinate Encampments.....	295
The dismissions.....	61
Giving a net increase or gain of.....	234

which is almost equal to one-sixth of the membership of this branch of the Order, and a corresponding increase in the revenue and usefulness is exhibited in both branches of the Order. Five new Lodges and one new Encampment have been added to the number of our Subordinates. But the crowning glory of all is the success which has, and is now, attending the great and glorious enterprise we have on foot for the establishing and endowing a home for the widow and orphans of this jurisdiction, and a college for the said orphans. That we shall soon be blessed with so desirable an institution I now regard as a fixed fact. Who can estimate, or even conceive, the benefits that will flow from the success of this enterprise. Time and the active operations of this heaven-born institution alone can reveal the grandeur and glory that will be shed by it upon our beloved Order. It will place it at once, in my humble judgment, upon an eminence of fame, influence, and usefulness that it cannot reach through any other means in a century to come. I know you will say God speed the good work. The heart of the brotherhood has also been touched by the cries of suffering and distress that have come up from the destitute widows and orphans of the South, and $4,556.71 have been contributed for their relief, and distributed through the Grand Masters of the several Southern States, besides the sum of $186 transmitted to you."

Tennessee.—The worthy Grand Secretary and Grand Scribe of this State, Bro. R. H. BARRY, under date of August 3d, 1867, writes as follows:

"There never was exhibited before in this State such sincere interest in the welfare and prosperity of our beloved Order, nor so much zeal and activity among its members. Now that the cloud of war, which lowered so dark and gloomy, has passed away, and peace has once more extended

over us its white wings, wooing men from the scenes of bloody strife to the more peaceful pursuits, and the once contending hosts 'have beaten their spears into pruning hooks and their swords into plough-shares,' our brethren in this State seem to have shaken of their lethargy and supineness, and have gone to work with renewed and increased energy. Our Lodges are advancing not only in a numerical point of view, but in moral excellence. Members are more punctual in their attendance, and the standard of membership is higher, and a spirit of generous rivalry exists amongst the officers as to who can most faithfully discharge their duties. Praiseworthy efforts are being made to advance the cause of education. Several of our Lodges have fine schools under their immediate control. The Grand Lodge, at its last session, appointed a committee to report at its next meeting upon this subject, of such vital importance. Eight new Lodges have been instituted since the last report, all in a very flourishing condition, and same will apply to those lately re-organized. As to the Encampment Branch of the Order, we now have in successful operation thirteen Encampments, when before the late war we reported twenty-three. At my last report, we had only ten at work, but these have since that time nearly doubled their membership, and still the work goes on. This branch suffered very heavily during the war, which accounts for there being so few at work."

Arkansas.—From this State we have very gratifying intelligence, embodied in a letter from Grand Secretary THOS. R. WELCH, dated August 15th, 1867. He remarks as follows:

"I have delayed my report until the present, hoping to get some reports from Subordinate Lodges, which are now due. Although our reports are not full, yet it is evident that our beloved Order has been gradually increasing, in numbers and in good works, during the year, in this jurisdiction. Two new Lodges have been organized, and are now in a very prosperous condition; and dispensations have been granted for the institution of two more, which we hope will be in a working condition very soon.

"The Order throughout the State is harmonious. No conflict or confusion disturbs the beautiful operations of the eleven little communities which dwell together in unity, and delight to pursue the high objects of benevolence and brotherly love in their own efficient way. Our philanthropic and humane operations are far greater than they have been for many years past. Although we have not done all that it was our duty to do, yet we have done much to relieve the distressed, educate the orphan, and bury the dead. We feel that the cardinal principles of our beloved Order have taken deeper and stronger hold upon the minds of our members, and that in time to come our brethren will be more faithful in the discharge of all their duties."

In relation to the Encampment Branch in Arkansas, D. D. Grand Sire P. O. HOOPER, reports as follows:

"I regret exceedingly to have to report so little for the good of the higher branch of our Order in this jurisdiction. Fort Smith Encampment has failed to make any report to me during the past year, and I fear has gone down. The Encampments, (Excelsior and Eagle) located respectively at Burton and Helena, have never been revived since the war. Walker Encampment, No. 5, at Washington, is languishing, though still at work, and the members are making an effort to sustain it. Arkansas Encampment, No. 2, at this place, has gone down, not working any since 1860. The old members were scattered, and many deceased. After many efforts, and by individual energy, I re-organized it again, and got it to working on the first of July last. It now has some twenty odd members, and I think and hope it will prosper. It has commmenced under good auspices, and with a membership of true Odd-Fellows, and I trust it will be sustained."

The Subordinate Lodges are progressing very well, considering the impoverished condition of the people. Some new Lodges have been organ-

ized, and I hear of several applications for more, now in the hands of our worthy Grand Secretary, THOMAS R. WELCH.

Iowa.—The ever active and zealous Grand Secretary and Grand Scribe of this State transmits his Annual Returns, accompanied with the following very interesting account of the splendid operations of the Order in the jurisdiction during the past year, and of its present general condition in both branches.

"Our reports," he remarks, "will answer for themselves, and prove my prediction of last year. We are at work, and intend to continue to increase. We cannot get four Representatives this year, but I am well satisfied we will next. You see we have gained thirteen Lodges and 1,082 members; have gained two Encampments and 173 Patriarchs; and you will notice that our members have been healthy. Our deaths the same as last year. Our annual receipts some three thousand dollars more. We will have to lose a few more weak Lodges and Encampments, but will institute others; and some that had to surrender will be reinstated during the year. I also enclose drafts to pay our account to the Grand Lodge of the United States."

The permanent seat of the Grand Lodge has been fixed at Des Moines.

Wisconsin.—The efficient Grand Secretary and Grand Scribe of Wisconsin, Bro. L. B. HILLS, remarks, in his communication of the 19th of August, 1867, that it gives him "great pleasure to say that through the energetic efforts of P. G. M's PAGE, BRIDGE and others, and the well directed and persistent labors of our M. W. Grand Master, C. C. CHENEY, the Order in this jurisdiction has enjoyed a prosperity unequalled in its history in this State. With twelve new Lodges and six additional Encampments, our membership in the Lodges increased by thirty-four per cent., and in the other branch by fifty per cent., and with the certain prospect of as great success for the year to come, we feel that our triumphant suceess is no longer a question. The late law of the Grand Lodge of the United States, authorizing our Lodges to receive and reinstate non-affiliated members of the Order who have been suspended over three years in other jurisdictions for non-payment of dues, is, in my judgment, one of the wisest provisions that has been made for a long time, and will prove of incalculable benefit, as the stringent law on that subject heretofore has driven hundreds, yea thousands, into other institutions, who would have been glad to have remained with us, could they have done so."

California.—The very interesting and detailed letter of the distinguished Grand Secretary and Grand Scribe of this great State, Bro. T. RODGERS JOHNSON, accompanying the Annual Reports, requires no comment from me; it tells for itself of the high degree of prosperity which Odd-Fellowship has reached in California. The large contributions which the jurisdiction has supplied to the treasury of the Grand Lodge, and the splendid liberality displayed in behalf of the suffering Brotherhood of the South, possess of themselves an eloquence of voice which speaks in powerful tones of the broad spirit of Fraternity pervading the State. I make no apology for presenting the letter at large. Bro. JOHNSON remarks, under date of August 9, 1867, as follows:

"I have again the honor of giving you a statement of the position of the Order in our jurisdiction. Since my last report we have steadily increased, although we have lost ten of our most active Lodges; (withdrawing for the purpose of forming the Grand Lodge of Nevada;) yet we have increased in numbers and, I trust, in usefulness. In my last return I reported 127 Lodges, including those of Nevada, with a membership of 7559. Our total membership at close of term, when all returns were in, was 7832; this year I find the returns of 123 Lodges foot up 8424. Reports from three Lodges are yet due, which will increase our membership to about 9000; so you will perceive California is not retrograding. I very much regret that we could not give full returns. I have endeavored to accomplish that object, but have

failed. Six Lodges are not required to make returns, being in existence less than three months—and three Lodges have failed to make reports.

"I find that our Lodges have not been remiss in one of the great objects of Odd-Fellowship, viz., granting relief to suffering brethren. We have paid for relief the sum of $55,041.34, as reported. In addition to that sum the Lodges in this city have paid several thousand dollars, not enumerated, being distributed by the General Relief Committee—an institution which all the Lodges in San Francisco have liberally supported. Neither have we been unmindful of our duty to our suffering brethren in the South. At our last session, held in May last, in response to a call from the parent Grand Lodge, we have contributed our mite towards alleviating the distress of those who are bound to us in the bonds of Friendship, Love, and Truth, as you will perceive, by referring to the enclosed report of a special committee to whom the subject was referred, a copy of which I enclose. The result of that appeal, up to the present time, I forward you in a bill of exchange for $2627.50; also legal tenders for $293.60; making $2921.10. Of that amount the Grand Encampment of California has contributed the sum of $517.50. The currency above mentioned I send per hands of Grand Representative C. W. DANNALS. We will undoubtedly receive other contributions previous to the session, and if of sufficient amount I will remit previous to session per telegraph. I send you enclosed, in addition, to be placed to the credit of the Grand Lodge of California, the sum of $1000.50, and for the Grand Encampment of California the sum of $379.50; making in bill of exchange $4007.50, and currency, $293.60; total amount $4301.10. I am not aware of the amount of your bill against us for supplies, as two orders sent you have not yet arrived, but presume I have sent enough to cover all charges; if not, please call either on the Grand Representative C. W. DANNALS to make good all deficiency, or take from Southern Relief Fund sufficient to square accounts, and draw on me for such deficiency.

"The Order for the past year has been unusually healthy and prosperous. Fifteen Lodges have been organized, and applications for charters for two others are now in the possession of the Grand Officers. The Encampment branch of the Order is equally well sustained, being an increase of four Encampments over last year.

"You will notice that our returns do not agree with those of last year. We have reported more members than we can account for in both Lodge and Encampment. I have endeavored to get my report correct, but must acknowledge that I have failed. The next report, I trust, will be more correct. We will have our returns for Subordinates nade out in conformity with the rule as laid down by the Grand Lodge of the United States; however, when all the returns are in for last term, there will be but little, if any discrepancy. I notice in the report of last year that you did not receive the Journals of our Grand Lodge. I sent you two copies, one by mail and the other by Grand Representative WM. M. ALLEN, and I must confess that I was greatly chagrined to learn that neither came to hand. This year I have had bound Journals of both Grand Bodies for several years back, and sent you. That of the Grand Lodge I sent by mail on the first instant. The Journal of Grand Encampment will be presented you by Grand Representative DANNALS.

"A sense of duty requires me to announce to you the decease, since our last session, of P. G. M. JAMES A. J. BOHEN, who died in this city on the 24th of May last. Bro. BOHEN was one of the most zealous and worthy members of the Order in this city, being at the time of his death President of the Odd-Fellows' Hall Association in this city, and to him, more than any others, have we been indebted for our present Hall. The Order feels and suffers a great loss in his death. Bro. BOHEN was in attendance at the session of Grand Lodge held at Boston, and will, no doubt, be well remembered by the Representatives then present."

Minnesota.—By the Annual Report, transmitted in due season by the es-

teemed Grand Secretary, Bro. SHERWOOD HOUGH, it appears that the Order is progressing healthfully in Minnesota. The letter accompanying the report speaks of its condition and prospect in the following gratifying terms:

"From a comparison of this with last year's report it will be seen that our Order in Minnesota has not remained in '*statu quo*' during the past year, but has steadily advanced, both as to numbers of Lodges and membership. We now have twelve Lodges against eight last year, and an application for another to be located at Wabashaw, is in the hands of Grand Master CLARK, and will be instituted in a short time. Our actual membership is 500 at least—a gain of 135 during the year. Annual receipts $4860.51, against $2950.94 the year previous; which shows unmistakable evidence of prosperity, and favorably compares with larger and older jurisdictions."

The Encampment branch is also reported upon by D. D. Grand Sire G. D. STRONG, as decidedly improving. In his Annual Return he speaks of it as follows:

"In the Patriarchal branch of our Order we have had but one Encampment in this State, and that is located in this city, and has been in a lan guishing condition. With but a small membership of only about forty, and many of those residing in different and distant parts of the State, the duties of carrying it on devolved upon a few brothers, who have nobly stood by it, and kept it from giving up in despair; but their labors are now beginning to bear fruit, and two sets of brothers, one residing at Rochester and the vicinity, and the other at St. Peter and its neighborhood, have petitioned for charters or dispensations, which you have been pleased to grant them." Both of these Encampments have been instituted under favorable auspices.

Oregon.—From this State I have from the worthy Grand Secretary, Brother CHESTER N. TERRY, the Annual Report in season. I present the condition and prospects of the Order in the jurisdiction in his own appropriate language. He remarks as follows:

"The report for this year, I am pleased to say, shows the Order to be progressive and prosperous. A gain of four Lodges since my last annual report. They are young plants in a good and fruitful soil, with a promise of making fruitful branches upon the original vine. It also shows quite an increase in our membership.

"The ardor and zeal of the Brotherhood seems to increase with each passing year, and I think there never was a deeper interest in regard to Odd-Fellowship than now seems to fasten upon the public. Our prospects for the future are certainly cheering, and we are advancing as fast as the country, and I think a little faster. There is certainly no cause of disparagement whatever. All is bright and fair in the sky of Odd-Fellowship. Friendship exists in our midst. Love abounds everywhere, and Truth, which is mighty still sways in our councils. May we all look to Him, the Father of all mercies, for His guidance and protection in our duty through this life and the one to come."

Kansas.—The very attentive Grand Secretary of Kansas, Bro. SAMUEL F. BURDETT, gives the story of the work in this jurisdiction in a few but emphatic words: "We have never," he writes, under date of the 10th of August, 1867, "had so prosperous a year before, and the prospects are bright for the next outdoing the past." The Annual Report shows twenty-five Lodges at active work, with a membership of over twelve hundred. The Encampment branch is also prosperous.

Nebraska.—In this State the Order enjoys a high degree of prosperity. The Grand Secretary, Bro. JOHN EVANS, accompanies the Annual Report with the following gratifying account.

"The Order in this jurisdiction continues to increase in strength and usefulness. One new Lodge, State No.10, has just been chartered, and gives promise of being a valuable auxiliary in our good work. The membership throughout the jurisdiction continues zealous and hopeful, and are persistent in the prosecution of good works, thus aiding in imparting to communities a

moral and social status best suited to the more healthful growth of the Order."

Bro. S. J. GOODRICH, Past Grand Representative, and the present District Deputy Grand Sire for Nebraska, in transmitting the encampment reports, remarks also "that the Order throughout the jurisdiction is still in a sound and healthy condition, with fair prospects of rapid advance."

Nevada.—Cordially and affectionately do we welcome this new State into our federation. The Grand Lodge was instituted during the recess by P. G. Rep. DANL. NORCROSS, of California, who, under the invitation of the M. W. Grand Sire, kindly consented to perform this office, for which important service, and the sacrifice of his time and business, the Grand Lodge of the United States is under a lasting obligation to him, and will doubtless testify its sense of appreciation in an appropriate manner. The first Annual Report of the Grand Lodge has been received, which is full of interest, presenting, as it does, promise of a rapid growth in strength and value to the Order at large. Thirteen Subordinate Lodges, with an aggregate membership of nearly eight hundred, are at active work.

P. G. JAS. E. SABINE has been elected to represent the Grand Lodge at the present session, whose credentials have been received.

New York.—I regret to have to place the returns from this jurisdiction out of its usual and proper order, in consequence of the lateness of the period when the Annual Reports where received, and my inability to detain the press longer. The worthy Grand Secretary and General Scribe, Bro. C. V. CLARK, satisfactorily accounts for the delay in the transmission of the reports. Under date of September 7, 1867, he writes as follows:

"Herewith please find returns of the R. W. Grand Encampment and R. W. Grand Lodge of the State of New York. As you are aware, it was the duty of my predecessor to have prepared and sent these documents ere this, but, on taking possession of my office, I discovered that this duty had not been performed, and I have been obliged to wait until this late day to obtain signatures. In addition to this I will add, that there appears to be a discrepancy in the last returns, as you will notice by the summary. On comparing the statement rendered you, as published in your Proceedings, there appears a difference in the total membership of 66 from that published in our State proceedings, and now I discover a difference of 166, a portion of which may be accounted for by some of our Lodges not reporting even up to this time. I have, however, made these returns as near correct as possible, and trust on no future occasion will you find a discrepancy."

The returns indicated a healthful and improving condition in the jurisdiction. One hundred and ninety-five Lodges and thirty-two Encampments are reported as at work; the former numbering nearly fifteen thousand, and the latter eighteen hundred members.

Maine.—The Annual Reports from this State were received from the very worthy and efficient Grand Secretary and Grand Scribe, EDWARD P. BANKS, at a very late hour, owing to causes beyond his control. The information, however, which they present is of the most gratifying character. Under date of September 7, 1867, he wrote as follows:

"Accompanying this you will receive the Annual Report of the Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment of Maine. A year of success has crowned the efforts of our Order in this State. There have been near three hundred initiations into our Lodges, and a net gain in membership of over two hundred. Nearly every Lodge in the State has contributed something towards this grand result. Several which have not done any work for a long period have aroused from their lethargy and commenced again in earnest. The Encampments have also done a good business during the year, and I am happy to report a handsome gain in this branch. One Encampment has been revived since my last annual communication, and promises well for the

future. In every thing pertaining to the Order in Maine we have reason for congratulation and for renewed effort in the future."

Canada West.—From this valuable and highly prosperous jurisdiction I have the Annual Report from the distinguished Grand Secretary, J. B. KING, received only this day, the 9th of September, 1867, hence it is placed out of its appropriate order. His letter, accompanying the report, presents the condition of the Order so forcefully and satisfactorily that I give it entire. Under date of September 5, 1867, he writes as follows:

"Herewith please find the Annual Report of the Grand Lodge of Canada West. Our session, which was held on the 7th and 8th of August, was one of the most interesting sessions ever held in this jurisdiction, being honored with the presence of the M. W. Grand Sire, JAS. P. SANDERS, accompanied by Grand Representatives TERWILLIGER, P. C. P., of New York; P. G. M. J. W. ORR, of New Jersey; P. G. M. W. H. BARNES, of Georgia; P. G. M. J. H. WHITE, of New York; Grand Rep. G. DEWE, of Michigan, and other distinguished members of the Order in the United States. Their presence added not a little to the interest of the meeting, and the words of advice and encouragement received from the M. W. Grand Sire and others seemed to infuse, as it were, new life into many of the Representatives and Past Grands, and when the session closed each went to his home determined to double his energies, if possible, for the advancement of the principles of our Order. As the report shows, we are steadily on the increase, and I trust that the next report will show the number of Lodges nearly if not quite double. I have now before me an application for a warrant to open a third Lodge in the city of London; applications are pouring in so thick and fast from good men and true that they deem it for the benefit of the Order to have another Lodge in that city. The prospect is good for more applications from other towns and cities.

"In addition to the amount due the Grand Lodge of the United States, I will send by Bro. JAS. WOODYATT, our Representative, a donation to the fund for the relief of Lodges in Southern Jurisdictions. The amount was subscribed for the benefit of the sufferers by the very disastrous fire which occurred ai Quebec some time since."

An official copy of a resolution passed by the Grand Lodge at its late session, declining the suggestion of extending its jurisdiction over Canada East, is transmitted, which is herewith presented.

Vermont.—The Annual Report from this State indicates but little change in the former feeble condition of the Order, and invites further effort in its behalf.

Texas.—The Annual Reports from this jurisdiction have been received, showing twenty-seven Lodges and five Encampments at work. Accompanying the reports the worthy Grand Secretary and Grand Scribe, Bro. JOHN BRADFORD, writes as follows:

"That the Order has not made better progress is due to the generally unsettled condition of the country: inducing, away from our larger cities and lines of railway, an indifference to things of great interest heretofore, and an apathy that needs most earnest and persistent effort to dispel. Of course, under these circumstances, many brothers remain in poverty, and have not the ability to make their usual contributions for the good of the Order. Such is the tenor of my correspondence from our D. D. G. Masters in the north and west of the State; yet, as the obstacles present themselves, I feel the necessity of greater exertion, and am doing what I can with my pen to re-arouse and inspire the brothers with that old love which, before the war, built up and presented to the world something over eighty Lodges, whose members were struggling for the fraternization of the world. Unsatisfactory as our progress has been to me, thus far, I feel that,

'Hope springs eternal in the human breast,'

and that by 'perseverance in well doing' in Odd-Fellowship our former

constellation will shine out anew in due time; that the Lodges that have lost their light will blaze out afresh, and again be seen revolving in their accustomed orbit, a help and a blessing to mankind."

Sandwich Islands.—Transferred to California.

Washington Territory.—Transferred to Oregon.

Colorado.—The D. D. Grand Sire for this jurisdiction, Bro. R. G. BUCKINGHAM, has rendered an exceedingly interesting report, from which the following details are gleaned: There are four Lodges, viz: Union, No. 1; Rocky Mountain, No. 2; Colorado, No. 3, and Denver, No. 4, at work in the Territory, each of which is in a highly prosperous condition. Their semi-annual returns have been regularly received. Bro. BUCKINGAM has made a personal visitation to each of these Lodges during the year, and specially instructed the membership in the work.

Two Encampments have also been instituted under favorable auspices, through the active instrumentality of the D. D. Grand Sire; the one entitled Colorado Encampment, No. 1, and the other Denver, No. 2. I congratulate the Grand Lodge upon the acquisition of so valuable an officer as D. D. G. S. BUCKINGHAM, whose labors have been earnest and efficient and highly successful. His report is herewith submitted, which abounds with the most gratifying and highly valuable information.

New Mexico.—There is one Lodge in this jurisdiction, located at Santa Fe, which is in a fair condition. It is composed of thirty-three members, and has made its semi-annual report for the term ending December 31, 1866.

Utah.—Transferred to California.

Montano.—This new field of labor has been occupied during the recess by the organization of a Lodge at the town of Helena, in this Territory, named Montano Lodge, No. 1. The commission to institute the Lodge was committed to P. G. Rep. D. C. NORCROSS, of California, who visited the Territory, performed the duty assigned to him, and has transmitted his report.

Australia.—At the moment of going to press, I have the following gratifying despatch, which speaks for itself:

SAN FRANCISCO, CAL., September 10, 1867.

JAMES L. RIDGELY, *Grand Secretary G. L. U. S.:*

I have issued commission to P. G. Rep. A. D. MEACHAM to organize the Order in Australia. Sails to-day. Have given him all necessary books and papers. Send you eleven hundred dollars for Southern Lodges. Send me fifty Charge, twenty Rebekah books, five hundred cards, each kind.

T. RODGERS JOHNSON.

Reports have been received during the year from the following Lodges and Encampments under this immediate jurisdiction:

REPORTS FROM IMMEDIATE SUBORDINATES

Paradise Lodge, No. 2, Santa Fe, New Mexico.
Denver Lodge, No. 4, Denver, Colorado.
Utah Lodge, No. 1, Salt Lake, Utah.
Rocky Mountain Lodge, No. 2, Central city, Colorado.
Colorado Lodge, No. 3, Black Hawk, Colorado.
Union Lodge, No. 1, Denver, Colorado.
Minnesota Encampment, No. 1, St. Paul, Minnesota.
Green Mountain Encampment, No. 3, Burlington, Vermont.
Walker Encampment, No. 3, Washington, Nebraska.
Ancilla Encampment, No. 2, Monticello, Florida.
Ridgely Encampment, No. 1, Nebraska city, Nebraska.

WARRANTS ISSUED IN RECESS.

Warrants have been issued, upon the order of the M. W. Grand Sire, for the institution of the following Subordinate Bodies during the recess:

Colorado Encampment, No. 1, Central city, Colorado.
Denver Encampment, No. 2, Denver, Colorado.
Rochester Encampment, No. 2, Rochester, Minnesota.
Nicollet Encampment, No. 3, St. Peter, Minnesota.
Montano Lodge, No. 1, Helena, Montano.

Each of which have been instituted, and are now at work with promise of success.

FINANCES.

The following statement represents the amounts for each specific purpose received from each Grand Jurisdiction and Subordinate Lodge and Encampment under this Grand Body during the past fiscal year. The several amounts received have been paid into the treasury, vouchers for which accompany this report. A supplementary report will be made of the further receipts during the session. Accompanying, also, is appended the usual report of the stock on hand, and supplies sold during the year, with an analysis of the Annual Returns.

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS *of Grand Secretary for the fiscal year commencing September* 18, 1866, *and ending September* 2, 1867.

GRAND LODGES.	Balance.	Cards.	Books.	Odes.	Diplomas.	Miscellaneous.	Representative Tax.	Total.
Maryland	.....	$160 00	$57 00	$20 00	$6 00	.....	$150 00	$393 00
Massachusetts	.....	125 00	186 00	.....	.....	.....	150 00	461 00
New York	140 00	360 00	301 50	30 00	50 00	.....	.....	881 50
Pennsylvania	.....	1100 00	787 00	310 00	.....	.....	150 00	2347 00
Delaware	.....	60 00	18 25	.....	.....	.....	150 00	228 25
Ohio	.....	1000 00	741 50	220 00	100 00	.....	150 00	2211 50
Louisiana	305 66	30 00	22 50	.....	.....	.....	150 00	508 16
New Jersey	.....	.....	36 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	36 00
Kentucky	.....	260 00	163 25	20 00	.....	.....	150 00	593 25
Virginia	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	138 52	138 52
Indiana	.....	360 00	879 00	100 00	.....	.....	150 00	1489 00
Mississippi	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	150 00	150 00
Missouri	.....	220 00	373 25	50 00	50 00	20 00	150 00	863 25
Illinois	10 00	640 00	724 50	130 00	200 00	.....	150 00	1854 50
Connecticut	.....	65 00	7 25	.....	.....	.....	150 00	222 25
S. Carolina	3 00	15 00	7 00	.....	.....	.....	150 00	175 00
Alabama	55 00	.....	138 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	193 00
Georgia	.....	40 00	5 00	20 00	.....	.....	75 00	140 00
Maine	6 00	37 00	41 30	.....	50 00	.....	150 00	284 30
N. Hampshire	.....	145 00	104 00	16 00	6 00	.....	150 00	421 00
Michigan	.....	180 00	294 50	.....	.....	.....	150 00	624 50
Wisconsin	.....	150 00	258 00	5 00	.....	.....	150 00	563 00
Iowa	.....	220 00	252 25	40 00	.....	.....	150 00	662 25
Arkansas	36 10	25 00	40 00	10 00	.....	57 12	75 00	243 22
Florida	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	75 00	75 00
Minnesota	.....	30 00	81 00	4 73	.....	.....	75 00	190 73
L. P. B. N. A.	100 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	100 00
Oregon	.....	50 00	80 00	20 00	.....	.....	.....	150 00
Nebraska	.....	20 00	43 50	.....	.....	.....	75 00	138 50
Kansas	.....	60 00	146 75	23 00	.....	.....	150 00	379 75
W. Virginia	.....	130 00	85 40	14 60	.....	16	150 00	380 16
Rhode Island	.....	45 00	13 50	20 00	6 00	08	75 00	159 58
Vermont	.....	12 00	8 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	20 00
Nevada	.....	30 00	53 00	17 00	.....	.....	.....	100 00
	655 76	5569 00	5948 20	1070 33	468 00	77 36	3588 52	17,377 17

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS *of Grand Secretary for the fiscal year commencing September* 18, 1866, *and ending September* 2, 1867.

GRAND ENCAMPMENTS.	Charters.	Balance.	Cards.	Books.	Odes.	Miscellaneous.	Representative Tax.	Total.
Maryland	.....	.....	$10 00	$48 00	$4 40	.....	$150 00	$212 40
Pennsylvania	.....	.....	40 00	273 00	30 00	.....	150 00	493 00
New York	.....	.....	40 00	28 50	.....	.....	.....	68 50
Ohio	.....	.....	180 00	385 00	5 00	.....	150 00	720 00
Kentucky	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	150 00	150 00
Connecticut	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	75 00	75 00
South Carolina	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	75 00	75 00
Massachusetts	.....	.....	.....	46 00	.....	.....	150 00	196 00
Maine	.....	37 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	37 50
New Hampshire	.....	.....	33 00	31 75	.....	.....	75 00	139 75
Missouri	.....	.....	19 20	18 00	.....	.....	.....	37 20
Dis. of Columbia	.....	6 25	20 00	12 00	.....	.....	75 00	113 25
Indiana	.....	.....	60 00	124 00	.....	.....	150 00	334 00
Michigan	.....	.....	.....	96 00	.....	.....	75 00	171 00
Mississippi	.....	.....	.....	3 00	.....	.....	75 00	78 00
Delaware	.....	.....	12 00	.....	.....	$0 41	75 00	87 41
Wisconsin	.....	.....	20 00	86 00	.....	.....	75 00	181 00
Rhode Island	.....	.....	.....	12 00	.....	.....	75 00	87 00
*Illinois	.....	.....	80 00	168 00	.....	.....	150 00	398 00
Iowa	.....	.....	.....	36 00	.....	.....	75 00	111 00
West Virginia	.....	.....	.....	54 00	.....	.....	75 00	129 00
Kansas	30 00	.....	40 00	108 25	10 00	.....	75 00	263 25
Louisiana	.....	.....	20 00	6 00	.....	.....	75 00	101 00
	30 00	43 75	574 20	1535 50	49 40	0 41	2025 00	4258 26

*Twenty-six dollars additional received, and credit omitted; in all, $424.00.

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS—*Continued.*

	Charters.	Dues.	Odes.	Books.	Cards.	Miscellaneous.	Diplomas.	Total.
Colorado Enc'pt No. 1, Col'o..	$30 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	$30 00
Denver Enc'pt No. 2, Col'o...	30 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	30 00
Rochester Enc'pt No. 2, Min..	30 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	30 00
Nicolett Enc'pt No. 3, Min...	30 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	30 00
Montano Lodge No. 1, Mon'no	30 00	.....	$1 35	$1 25	$2 40	.....	.....	35 00
Minnesota Enc'pt No. 1, Min.	.....	$11 28	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	11 28
Green Mou'n Enc'pt, No. 3, Vt.	.....	6 02	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	6 02
Hesperian Enc'pt No. 2, Neb.	.....	13 53	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	13 53
Walker Enc'pt No. 5, Ark....	.....	21 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	21 00
Ancilla Enc'pt, No. 2, Fla....	.....	5 60	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5 60
Paradise Lodge No. 2, N. Mex.	.....	70 75	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	70 75
Utah Lodge No. 1, Utah Ter..	.....	116 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	116 00
Ridgely Enc'pt No. 1, Neb'ka.	.....	20 35	.....	.....	4 80	18	.....	25 33
Union Lodge No. 1, Colorado.	.....	144 33	.....	12 00	.....	.....	.....	156 33
Rocky Mou'n L'ge No. 2, Col'o	.....	201 50	.....	.....	20 00	60	.....	222 10
Colorado Lodge No. 3, Col'o..	.....	171 73	.....	1 35	.....	.....	.....	173 08
Denver Lodge No. 4, Colorado	.....	108 05	4 00	8 00	10 00	.....	.....	130 05
I. F. Barnard, of Alabama...	.....	.....	.....	15 50	.....	.....	.....	15 50
F. L. Beeler, of W. Virginia..	.....	.....	.....	3 00	.....	.....	$1 00	4 00
S. B. Boyer, of Pensylvania..	.....	.....	.....	14 00	.....	.....	.....	14 00
L. F. Tower, of Louisiana...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 00	1 00
T. G. Steele, of West Virginia	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 00	1 00
Ira Doe, of New Hampshire..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	10 00	10 00
Samaritan L'ge No. 2, Oregon	.....	.....	.....	15 25	.....	.....	.....	15 25
Cris Taylor, of Oregon.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 00	1 00
Wm. Curtis, of Pennsylvania.	.....	.....	.....	50 00	.....	.....	168 75	218 75
I. B. Glenn, of Iowa	.....	.....	.....	14 00	.....	.....	.....	14 00
Xenia Lodge, of Ohio	.....	.....	.....	14 00	.....	.....	.....	14 00
Ozan Lodge, of Arkansas.....	.....	.....	.....	1 25	.....	.....	.....	1 25
W. B. Davis, of Ohio.....	.....	.....	.....	14 00	.....	.....	.....	14 00
Wildey Lodge No. 2, Miss....	.....	.....	.....	1 25	.....	.....	.....	1 25
I. G. Dunlap, of Louisiana...	.....	.....	.....	14 00	.....	.....	.....	14 00
R. N. Glenn, of Iowa.....	.....	.....	.....	15 25	.....	.....	.....	15 25
James Terwilliger, of N. Y...	.....	.....	.....	1 25	.....	.....	.....	1 25
A. B. Grosh, of Dis. of Col....	.....	.....	.....	1 25	.....	.....	.....	1 25
B. C. True, of Ohio	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	25 00	25 00
B. F. Reimmond, of Ohio....	.....	.....	.....	14 00	.....	.....	.....	14 00
C. D. Cole, of Massachusetts..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	75 00	75 00
Wm. Gerstle, of Ohio.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	25 00	25 00
Hyland Lodge, of West Va..	.....	.....	.....	1 00	.....	.....	.....	1 00
Wiley Stinson, of Arkansas..	.....	.....	.....	14 00	.....	.....	.....	14 00
John Yourston, of Low Prov-	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 00	1 00
John O. Raum, of N. Jersey..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	10 00	10 00
J. W. Cameron, of Low. Prov.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 00	2 00
Val. Laux, of Iowa.....	.....	.....	.....	14 00	.....	.....	.....	14 00
	$150 00	$890 14	$5 35	$239 60	$37 20	$0 78	$320 75	$1,643 82

The revenue of the fiscal year, received up to and inclusive of Sept. 2, 1867, amounts to	$23,279 23
Of the amount due and unpaid, there will be received, at a low estimate, during the session not less than	4,000 00
Making a total of	$27,279 23

It will thus be perceived that, gratifying as was the financial exhibit of last year, that of the present year is not less so, notwithstanding the reduction made in the price of cards, which, upon the amount of sales, reached nearly two thousand dollars; and notwithstanding also that the estimate of receipts yet to come in after the close of this report, and inclusive of the session, is made at an extremely low figure. There can be no reasonable doubt, in the opinion of the Corresponding Secretary, that when the payments due and yet to be received are all in, the amount of revenue for the fiscal year just closed will considerably exceed that of the last year. Such a state of finance is an indisputable evidence of the prosperity of the Order, and is a just subject of general congratulation.

SOUTHERN RELIEF FUND.

There has been received during the year, and paid over to the Grand Treasurer, on account of the Southern Relief Fund, up to and inclusive of Sept. 2d, 1867, the sum of $5,366.42.

This amount will be further increased, so that including the Grand Lodge subscription it will reach not less than $12,000.

Credit for the amount paid in is given respectively to the jurisdictions from which the same was received, as will appear in the statement accompanying:

New Jersey	$ 160 00
Illinois	164 70
Connecticut	850 00
Massachusetts	615 00
Ohio	895 04
New York	1082 88
Minnesota	47 60
Maine	60 00
Kentucky	236 00
Missouri	776 20
Nebraska	10 00
Delaware	195 00
Wisconsin	34 00
Rhode Island	85 00
District of Columbia	145 00
	$5366 42

WILDEY MONUMENT FUND.

Further contributions to this fund have been received during the year, and from the following sources:

Kentucky	$ 18 00
Illinois	5 50
Oregon	112 00
	$135 50

CONCLUSION.

In closing this report I beg to ask the special attention of the Representatives to the condition of the Order relatively in the North, East, and West, and in the South. On the one hand, in every quarter of the former juris-

dictions, the eye rests upon a scene of moral grandeur which justly awakens our delight. A vast brotherhood, inspired by the purest philanthropy, toils in generous rivalry, and wearies not in its conflict for the vindication of a higher and holier humanity among men. With a liberal and generous hand it has scattered its blessings; not only promptly meeting just demands upon its treasure, but often moving outside its legitimate sphere to expend its beneficence upon other meritorious subjects when properly presented. Splendid rewards have of consequence crowned its labors, supplying abundant resources for future ministrations, and for the further advancement of the area of its usefulness. On the other hand how different appears the field of its labor. Our brethren of the South, members of our household, speaking the same common language, worshipping around the same altars, laboring in the same good cause, are cheered and encouraged by no such inspiring scenes. Difficulties of unparalleled magnitude, trials which no other institution could have survived, have comparatively overwhelmed them; their zeal, although unabated, has been unnerved; their devotion to the great principles of the Order, although cherished in their innermost heart, is powerless for active effort. They have the will, but, without essential and substantial aid, their progress to recuperation must be slow, if not of doubtful success. Why or how calamity has overtaken them is not now the inquiry; a pure and elevated humanity does not pause to analyse or moralise in the presence of misfortune, especially when that misfortune invades the family circle; rather does it uplift the fallen, and rescue the sinking subject. At the last session the Grand Lodge entered upon this subject with fraternal sympathy and alacrity, and the means devised failed only of accomplishment by reason of delays and hindrances already fully explained. The necessity has been made the more apparent by the delay which has intervened; the delay itself has perhaps not been prejudicial to the efficient interposition of our good offices, for supplying, as it does, fuller information as to the extent of the need, it presents the opportunity for a larger liberality, and a more deliberate legislation upon the subject. Let us thank a beneficent Providence, which still continues to guard and protect and prosper our beloved Order, that we have alike the power and the will to act out our whole duty in the premises. Let us cherish and fully appreciate the high responsibilities of our position, as the supreme council of the institution, ever remembering that if we would preserve its integrity and power for good, we must keep the fountain source healthful in its action, and aim in the administration of its trust for the common weal. Peace, Concord, Fraternity, are the cardinal elements of our power: Friendship, Love, Truth, chastened by a high moral culture, the single idea of our great mission. Under this standard, uplifted, its march has been onward until it has gathered within its ranks the good and the wise in every State, District, and Territory of our country, of the adjacent Provinces, and of the Islands contiguous, and will, by the Divine aid, at no distant future, penetrate wherever civilization has found a home on earth.

Very respectfully submitted.

JAMES L. RIDGELY, *Cor. and Rec. Sec'ry.*

STOCK ACCOUNT.

Supplies on hand September 8, 1866, *amount received since, amount sold during the year, and amount on hand September* 2, 1867.

	Cards.	Degree of Rebekah.	Charge Books.	Degree Books.	Installation Books.	Institution Books.	Grand Lodge Books.	Encampment Books.	Grand Encam't Books.	Diplomas.	Odes.	Funeral Ceremonies.	Revised Journal Vols.	Digests.	Forms for Degree Lodges.	Tracts.
On hand Sept. 8, 1866.....	6,626	416	845	314	324	208	51	408	28	532	818	483	910	966	6692	31,000
Received during the year....	40,000	500	753	762	500	...	..	754	..	1000	14,872	...	...	...	500	.....
Total.....	46,626	916	1598	1076	824	208	51	1162	28	1532	15,690	483	910	966	7192	31,000
Sold during the year,.....	36,115	421	1229	518	194	109	3	612	8	916	14,274	12	203	424	287	21,910
On hand Sep. —, 1867.....	10,511	495	369	558	630	99	49	550	20	616	1,416	471	707	542	6905	9,090

Amount of Supplies sold from Septembar 8, 1866, *to September* 3, 1867, *showing the cost of each article, selling price, and profit.*

NUMBER OF EACH ARTICLE SOLD.	Sold for	Cost.	Profit.
Cards sold, 36,115	$7,244 55	$731 51	$6,613 04
Charge Books sold.....1,227.....			
Furnished New Lodges 2 1,229	3,681 00	454 73	3,226 27
Degree Books sold.....516.....			
Furnished new Lodges..... 2 518	1,548 00	198 84	1,349 16
Encampment Books sold.....582.....			
Furnished new Encampments.. 30 612	1,746 00	171 30	1,574 70
Odes sold, 14,274.....	1,427 40	150 11	1,277 63
Diplomas sold, 916.....	916 00	100 76	815 24
Institution Books sold.....107.....			
Furnished D. D. G. Sire..... 2 109	214 00	18 53	195 47
Installation Books sold, 194.....	388 00	54 32	333 68
Forms for Degree Lodges sold, 287.....	28 70	1 50	27 20
Funeral Ceremonies sold, 12.....	12 00	48	11 52
Grand Encampment Books sold, 8	24 00	.....	24 00
Grand Lodge Books sold.....1.....			
Fornished new Grand Lodge .....2.....3	3 00	60	2 40
Revised Journal vols. sold.....60.....			
Per resolution G. L. U. S.....143.....203	210 00	.....	.....
Digests sold.....357.....			
Per resolution G. L. U. S..... 57 414	446 75	.....	.....
Tracts sold.....21,600.....			
Furnished Grand Bodies and officers and members of G. L. U. S. .. 310...21,910	216 00	.....	.....
Degree of Rebekah books sold....421.....	842 00	88 41	753 59
	$18,947 10	$1,871 09	$16.203 90

ANNUAL REPORT *of Grand and Subordinate Lodges to the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, for the year ending June* 30, 1867.

LODGES.	No. of Lodges.	No. of Initiations.	No. of Rejections.	No. admitted by Card.	No. withdrawn by Card.	No. of Reinstatements.	No. of Suspensions.	No. of Expulsions.
G. L. Maryland.....	82	1,189	158	83	100	140	352	17
G. L. Massachusetts..	59	1,086	117	57	77	24	95	6
G. L. New York.....	195	1,860	213	141	202	139	814	16
G. L. Pennsylvania..	498	9,505	1008	665	980	671	1,977	84
G. L. Dis. Columbia..	13	336	24	44	47	16	189	4
G. L. Delaware.....	29	374	41	28	31	21	105	3
G. L. Ohio.....	336	3,846	....	762	918	418	.....	70
G. L. Louisiana.....	31	205	6	49	57	48	78	7
G. L. New Jersey....	75	1,307	103	44	51	68	251	12
G. L. Kentucky.....	113	945	100	160	177	67	146	22
G. L. Virginia.....	36	261	27	40	76	56	56	417
G. L. Indiana.....	248	2,213	227	681	698	177	486	73
G. L. Mississippi*....	.....	.....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
G. L. Missouri.....	112	992	175	364	276	227	236	19
G. L. Illinois.....	249	2,642	290	675	743	382	1,141	51
G. L. Connecticut....	19	295	6	17	12	47	67	1
G. L. Texas.....	27	174	25	46	103	35	348	22
G. L. Tennessee.....	66	392	88	82	68	60	44	9
G. L. South Carolina.	18	95	5	8	28	4	101	1
G. L. Alabama.....	25	132	16	49	45	22	46	13
G. L. North Carolina.	20	81	9	18	21	13	114	.....
G. L. Georgia.....	14	175	6	35	49	40	274	2
G. L. Maine.....	20	275	16	12	9	19	45	3
G. L. New Hampsh'e.	21	364	38	16	50	11	63	2
G. L. Michigan.....	71	919	179	116	169	64	256	19
G. L. Wisconsin.....	64	917	134	169	202	86	140	37
G. L. Vermont.....	4	56	2	1	2	2	.....	.....
G. L. Iowa.....	109	925	132	523	250	123	174	35
G. L. Arkansas.....	11	74	19	37	23	6	73	1
G. L. Rhode Island..	11	79	7	2	4	5	28	1
G. L. Florida.....	5	25	2	2	4	1	38	1
G. L. Minnesota.....	12	152	15	49	31	13	31	2
G. L. California.....	133	1,587	168	490	513	154	331	27
G. L. L. Pro. B. N. A.	3	49	5	3	1	.....	.....	1
G. L. Canada West..	14	287	35	24	30	12	19	2
G. L. Oregon.....	21	260	47	99	104	14	3	9
G. L. Nebraska.....	8	59	14	34	27	.....	13	.....
G. L. Kansas.....	25	309	38	137	80	18	38	6
G. L. West Virginia..	34	395	38	45	82	167	32	53
G. L. Nevada.....	13	116	20	36	69	9	.....	1
New Mexico.....	1	1	....	.....	.....	.....	8	1
Colorado.....	4	67	9	33	3	.....	.....	1
Montano†.....	1	.....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	2,860	35,021	3462	5,876	6 412	3,378	8,212	1,051

*No report. †No report due.

ANNUAL REPORT *of Grand and Subordinate Lodges to the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, for the year ending June* 30, 1867.—*Continued.*

LODGES.	No. of Deaths.	No. of Members.	No. of brothers relieved.	No. of widowed families relieved.	Amount paid for the relief of brothers.	Amount paid for the relief of widowed families.
G. L. Maryland.....	152	12,237	1,806	186	$31,134 30	$21,032 23
G. L. Massachusetts..	52	6,671	397	197	11,554 25	2,721 75
G. L. New York.....	153	14,817	1,346	337	27,384 11	6,578 36
G. L. Pennsylvania..	595	59,183	6,472	620	136,927 79	13,551 34
G. L. Dis. Columbia..	41	2,321	320	53	4,820 00	2,323 00
G. L. Delaware.....	18	2,438	235	26	5,457 66	587 38
G. L. Ohio.....	258	25,659	2,532	561	38,640 69	12,839 34
G. L. Louisiana.....	45	1,722	102	66	3,156 00	3,112 55
G. L. New Jersey....	55	6,986	731	78	14,497 71	2,152 11
G. L. Kentucky.....	62	5,926	495	159	10,533 45	3,035 61
G. L. Virginia.....	61	2,605	282	122	4,687 35	2,444 24
G. L. Indiana.....	131	13,066	1,583	149	21,198 34	6,049 99
G. L. Mississippi*....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
G. L. Missouri.....	72	5,029	422	149	8,656 60	4,025 40
G. L. Illinois.....	85	12,191	818	147	11,395 18	2,855 37
G. L. Connecticut. ..	18	1,895	86	11	3,639 13	372 76
G. L. Texas.....	40	1,340	71	8	1,346 13	231 45
G. L. Tennessee.....	17	2,635	.....	.....	3,924 70	894 90
G. L. South Carolina.	20	959	58	57	.....	.....
G. L. Alabama.....	13	730	54	46	950 50	1,342 50
G. L. North Carolina.	5	582	1	8	21 00	116 00
G. L. Georgia.....	20	992	109	17	1,602 00	896 50
G. L. Maine.....	12	1,452	89	4	2,949 00	173 00
G. L. New Hampsh'e	22	2,600	202	5	4,902 73	110 00
G. L. Michigan.....	25	4,434	68	18	1,385 85	426 75
G. L. Wisconsin.....	19	3,215	84	39	1,212 76	799 67
G. L. Vermont.....	2	235	.....	.....	.....	.....
G. L. Iowa.....	30	5,679	258	34	3,565 12	869 95
G. L. Arkansas.....	10	390	7	4	186 00	60 00
G. L. Rhode Island..	15	644	42	20	1,171 06	352 69
G. L. Florida.....	4	120	5	3	167 55	60 00
G. L. Minnesota.....	3	492	26	3	462 66	60 00
G. L. California.....	65	8,444	1,019	56	42,150 92	5,824 23
G. L. L. Pro. B. N. A.	4	206	16	1	223 00	10 00
G. L. Canada West..	1	1,050	79	16	823 00	401 00
G. L. Oregon.....	6	977	44	3	1,500 50	117 50
G. L. Nebraska.....	4	399	11	3	100 50	176 77
G. L. Kansas.....	6	1,211	68	7	1,262 75	210 00
G. L. West Virginia..	21	2,061	180	27	2,536 74	444 34
G. L. Nevada.....	2	792	98	1	4,304 10	120 00
New Mexico.....	....	33	.....	.....	.....	.....
Colorado.....	....	143	.....	.....	.....	.....
Montano†.....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	2164	214,561	2,026	3,141	$410,431 13	$97,378 68

*No report. †No report due.

ANNUAL REPORT *of Grand and Subordinate Lodges to the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, for the year ending June* 30, 1867.—*Concluded.*

LODGES.	Amount paid for the education of orphans.	Am'nt paid for burying the dead.	Total relief.	Amount of the annual receipts.
G. L. Maryland.....	$2,816 30	$6,172 00	$61,154 83	$104,907 77
G. L. Massachusetts..	50 00	1,807 65	25,539 47	55,903 01
G. L. New York.....	277 15	5,793 45	40,033 07	100,751 91
G. L. Pennsylvania..	.....	39,601 23	190,080 36	456,871 45
G. L. Dis. Columbia..	1,611 21	2,313 24	11,067 45	23,481 07
G. L. Delaware.....	.....	1,236 00	7,281 04	13,850 25
G. L. Ohio.....	395 96	8,645 13	60,521 12	163,658 22
G. L. Louisiana.....	122 00	3,271 75	9,662 30	29,412 43
G. L. New Jersey....	248 05	2,887 86	19,785 73	61,315 07
G. L. Kentucky.....	844 36	3,606 40	18,019 82	52,448 22
G. L. Virginia.....	1,569 72	2,012 00	10,713 31	.....
G. L. Indiana.....	2,226 76	4,363 50	33,838 59	127,958 95
G. L. Mississippi*....	.....	.....	.....	.....
G. L. Missouri.....	2,559 25	3,406 65	18,647 90	46,787 07
G. L. Illinois.....	374 75	1,861 05	16,486 35	95,132 37
G. L. Connecticut....	90 50	510 00	4,612 39	17,966 61
G. L. Texas.....	244 96	640 00	2,562 54	8,996 24
G. L. Tennessee.....	.....	794 70	.....	16,843 89
G. L. South Carolina.	.....	.....	.....	6,779 26
G. L. Alabama.....	326 45	662 85	3,282 30	9,545 08
G. L. North Carolina.	22 80	52 50	212 30	2,610 82
G. L. Georgia.....	216 75	420 00	3 135 25	7,461 57
G. L. Maine.....	.....	220 00	3,342 00	.....
G. L. New Hampsh'e.	.....	870 00	5,882 73	16,684 53
G. L. Michigan.....	.....	435 00	2,247 60	24,240 38
G. L. Wisconsin.....	214 50	780 50	3,007 43	20,940 67
G. L. Vermont.....	.....	.....	.....	1,113 10
G. L. Iowa.....	113 55	729 65	5,267 27	33,986 42
G. L. Arkansas.....	343 25	263 50	852 75	572 22
G. L. Rhode Island..	10 17	410 00	1,943 92	6,431 71
G. L. Florida.....	65 35	75 00	367 90	1,179 08
G. L. Minnesota.....	.....	80 00	653 91	5,232 24
G. L. California.....	755 00	6,311 19	55,041 34	211,796 30
G. L. L. Pro. B. N. A.	.....	120 00	353 00	1,095 62
G. L. Canada West..	80 00	78 00	1,382 00	7,635 13
G. L. Oregon.....	.....	383 30	2,001 30	21,000 00
G. L. Nebraska.....	20 00	135 00	432 27	2,582 48
G. L. Kansas.....	.....	243 00	1,715 75	11,460 70
G. L. West Virginia..	265 15	1,074 55	4,320 78	16,336 88
G. L. Nevada.....	.....	512 22	4,936 32	14,697 78
New Mexico.....	.....	.....	.....	707 63
Colorado.....	.....	.....	.....	3,859 90
Montano†.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	$15,863 94	$102,688 87	$180,384 39	$1,804,234 03

*No report. †No report due.

ANNUAL REPORT *of Grand and Subordinate Encampments to the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, for the year ending June* 30, 1867.

ENCAMPMENTS.	No. of Encampments.	No. of Initiations.	No. of Rejections.	No. admitted by card.	No. withdrawn by card.	No. of reinstatements.	No. of suspensions.	No. of expulsions.	No. of deaths.	No. of members.	No. of members relieved.	No. widow'd families reliev'd.
G. E. Maryland.....	13	161	6	2	19	8	24	2	18	1,510	217	14
G. E. Pennsylvania...	116	1788	32	225	170	79	145	4	83	7,634	963	52
G. E. New York.....	32	330	18	13	61	18	83	1	12	1,743	87	6
G. E. Ohio.....	88	931	39	95	122	64	7	84	54	5,372	620	7
G. E. Kentucky.....	23	265	9	24	31	6	11	2	17	1,409	94	22
G. E. Virginia.....	10	39	1	...	13	12	52	61	8	696	61	4
G. E. Connecticut.....	9	151	...	2	1	14	9	...	2	461	17	.....
G. E. New Jersey.....	19	281	4	27	43	31	41	1	12	1,011	36	2
G. E. South Carolina.	3	17	...	...	2	...	4	...	2	157	4	.....
G. E. Massachusetts...	14	241	13	13	7	5	31	1	10	1,483	84	1
G. E. Maine.....	6	68	1	3	...	4	2	...	3	277	15	.....
G. E. New Hampsh'e.	7	125	10	11	9	2	2	...	6	639	30	.....
G. E. Missouri.....	20	174	2	17	16	20	25	4	10	791	26	.....
G. E. Dis. Columbia.	4	102	2	1	9	2	18	1	14	694	86	6
G. E. Georgia.....	5	20	...	1	6	2	.....	1	3	268	11	.....
G. E. North Carolina*	...	.....	...	...	...	...	.....	..	..	.....	.....	.....
G. E. Indiana.....	78	579	15	51	86	17	63	7	30	2,992	348	4
G. E. Michigan.....	17	127	3	9	13	5	29	...	4	.....	1	2
G. E. Tennessee.....	13	50	2	4	7	...	.....	...	1	481	11	1
G. E. Mississippi.....	15	24	2	...	6	5	.....	...	1	97	.....	.....
G. E. Louisiana.....	5	66	1	5	4	5	.....	...	7	230	2	.....
G. E. Alabama.....	5	42	3	10	6	6	19	5	2	146	4	.....
G. E. Delaware.....	7	51	5	3	3	1	29	...	1	313	30	.....
G. E. Wisconsin.....	18	277	4	21	51	14	47	5	...	695	1	.....
G. E. Rhode Island...	6	33	1	...	...	4	6	...	2	199	2	.....
G. E. Illinois.....	67	666	19	95	130	41	115	7	20	2,253	61	3
G. E. Iowa	27	211	4	17	33	7	15	3	4	931	27	2
G. E. Texas.....	5	39	3	4	8	...	13	...	2	195	6	.....
G. E. California.....	31	372	14	63	82	27	39	2	9	1,455	76	4
G. E. West Virginia..	11	55	...	...	25	2	.....	3	4	277	15	.....
G. E. Kansas.....	6	63	...	5	1	...	.....	...	...	185	.....	.....
Arkansas†	4	3	...	..	...	...	1	...	1	34	.....	.....
Vermont†	2	7	...	...	...	...	.....	...	...	34	.....	.....
Florida.....	1	4	...	...	...	1	.....	...	...	22	.....	.....
Minnesota†.....	3	.....	...	...	...	...	.....	...	...	.....	.....	.....
Canada West.....	3	33	...	1	1	...	.....	...	1	93	.....	.....
Nebraska	2	21	...	2	2	...	.....	...	...	65	.....	.....
Colorado‡.....	2	.....	...	...	...	...	.....	...	...	.....	.....	.....
	697	7416	213	724	967	402	830	194	343	34,842	2935	130

*No report. †One complete report. ‡No report due.

ANNUAL REPORT *of Grand and Subordinate Encampments to the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, for the year ending June* 30, 1866.—*Continued.*

ENCAMPMENTS.	Amount paid for the relief of Members.	Amount paid for the relief of widowed families.	Amount paid for education of orphans.	Amount paid for burying the dead.	Total relief.	Amount of annual receipts.
G. E. Maryland	4,416 00	1,665 00	.....	1,000 00	7,081 00	11,849 71
G. E. Pennsylvania...	19,149 37	722 13	.....	4,556 50	24,428 00	54,980 03
G. E. New York.....	1,313 50	83 00	.....	200 00	1,596 50	7,546 79
G. E. Ohio	10,987 25	141 30	.....	1,158 90	12,287 45	34,797 57
G. E. Kentucky.....	1,472 18	290 00	.....	362 50	2,124 68	6,756 32
G. E. Virginia.....	654 00	35 50	.....	87 50	777 00	2,499 92
G. E. Connecticut	206 80	.....	.....	.....	206 80	965 93
G. E. New Jersey.....	767 16	35 00	.....	195 00	897 16	4,220 88
G. E. South Carolina.	34 00	.....	.....	20 00	54 00	417 60
G. E. Massachusetts...	1,875 00	20 00	.....	90 00	3,982 63	8,901 46
G. E. Maine.....	266 00	.....	.....	.....	266 00	1,282 00
G. E. New Hampsh'e.	516 85	.....	.....	30 00	556 85	2,315 25
G. E. Missouri.....	409 50	.....	.....	.....	409 50	3,170 83
G. E. Dis. Columbia..	1,121 33	240 00	.....	262 25	1,623 58	3,384 31
G. E. Georgia.....	54 00	.....	.....	40 00	92 00	919 20
G. E. North Carolina*	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
G. E. Indiana.....	3,798 39	274 27	.....	630 87	4,703 53	17,425 99
G. E. Michigan.....	16 00	40 00	.....	.....	56 00	1,955 26
G. E. Tennessee.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,383 20
G. E. Mississippi	.....	.....	.....	20 00	20 00	725 70
G. E. Louisiana.....	22 00	.....	.....	.....	22 00	2,218 70
G. E. Alabama.....	47 00	.....	.....	25 00	72 00	1,313 80
G. E. Delaware.....	644 00	.....	.....	135 00	779 00	1,402 01
G. E. Wisconsin.....	8 00	.....	.....	.....	8 00	2,928 07
G. E. Rhode Island ...	15 00	.....	.....	20 00	35 00	927 28
G. E. Illinois.....	612 35	35 00	.....	158 75	806 10	9,139 69
G. E. Iowa.....	273 00	20 00	.....	.....	293 00	3,623 52
G. E. Texas	30 00	.....	.....	20 00	50 00	827 00
G. E. California.....	2,220 00	155 00	.....	485 00	2,860 00	24,057 72
G. E. West Virginia..	107 00	.....	.....	71 50	178 50	1,542 82
G. E. Kansas.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,522 55
Arkansas†	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	118 00
Vermont†	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	35 00
Florida.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	56 05
Minnesota†.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Canada West.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	387 70
Nebraska	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Colorado‡	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	278 75
	51,035 67	3,756 20		9,568 77	66,266 28	215,876 55

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DOCUMENTS

ACCOMPANYING THE REPORT OF THE GRAND SIRE.

WASHINGTON, D. C., August 31, 1867.

JAMES P. SANDERS, ESQ., *M. W. Grand Sire*
Grand Lodge United States, I. O. O. F.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER: Agreeably to my appointment and in conformity with the resolution adopted by the G. L. U. S. at its last session, authorizing the M. W. G. S. to send a special commissioner to the Lower Provinces of B. N. A. and Canada East, for certain purposes connected with the Order, I beg leave to report:

That, having collected all the information I could get in relation to the Order in the Lower Provinces and Canada East, which was very meagre, consisting only of the names of a few defunct Lodges and Encampments, and the names of some persons who, at one time, (some of them as far back as 1845,) were members of the Order, I proceeded on my mission and commenced my duties at St. Johns, N. B. In this thriving city, containing a population of upwards of forty-five thousand inhabitants, I expected, at least, to find some one who could enlighten me in regard to the Order, that is, as to who had been members, and to what extent the organization existed, and when it became defunct, if I did not actually come across one or more persons who had been connected with the institution. To my astonishment, I failed to meet a single individual who had the slightest knowledge (there must be many, however, who could give the information) of the Order ever having existed, or of any person who had been connected with it. Not a little disappointed, I proceeded to Halifax, N. S., where I soon found a number of persons who had been connected with the Order. From them I learned that the charter of Acadia Lodge was surrendered to the G. Lodge of the jurisdiction in February, 1866.

Being aware that the G. L. of B. N. A. had been removed to "Albion" Mines, I endeavored to ascertain the cause, and also how it was that the charter of Acadia Lodge had been surrendered. The explanation on these points, given by the brothers I met with, so far as related to the removal of the Grand Lodge, was satisfactory, but I could not understand nor appreciate their motives for closing the doors of Acadia Lodge, especially when I learned that *ten* members were present when the charter was surrendered.

Without going into detail as to the circumstances which gave rise to these proceedings, I may remark that Acadia Lodge, as latterly constituted, was composed of individuals too well off, as a general rule, to care for benefits, and, although many of them were deeply impressed with the beauties of our Order, and the exalted principles which it inculcates, they were not sufficiently imbued with the idea that Odd-Fellowship is "not merely a beneficial society," that while they might not need assistance or counsel themselves, they had it in their power, as Odd-Fellows, in an organized capacity, to render valuable assistance to the Order, by keeping unfurled to the breeze that banner which it is our pride to display, and our duty to uphold.

Leaving Halifax, I was soon among *live* Odd-Fellows. At Pictou, I found Eastern Star Lodge, No. 2, in active and successful operation. The brethren gave me a hearty welcome, and, cheered with the prospect of being instructed in the laws and work of the Order, new life seemed to be instilled into them.

At New Glasgow, nine miles from Pictou, I found "Norton Lodge," No. 6, not so numerous in membership, nor as properous as Eastern Star, but in successful operation.

Albion Mines, some twelve or thirteen miles from Pictou, and about three miles from New Glasgow, is the location of a very flourishing Lodge called "Fuller," No. 5. It is composed of upwards of one hundred members, who, like the brethren of the other two Lodges, seemed to be thoroughly imbued with the principles of our beloved Order. From the members of each of these Lodges I received every attention. I had the good fortune to fall in, at once, with Bro. JOHN MATHESON, Representative elect to the G. L. U. S., from the jurisdiction of the Lower Provinces of B. N. A., and was not long in having the pleasure of taking Grand Master JOHN CARR by the hand.

It is unnecessary to acquaint you with all that passed between these worthy brethren and myself; suffice it to say, our communications were of the most cordial and friendly character. I soon ascertained all the facts and circumstances connected with the decline of the Order in Halifax, Lunenburg, and Truro, and what gave rise to the removal of the Grand Lodge to Albion Mines, where it is now located. To Bro. MATHESON, I am much indebted for valuable information connected with the Order, which enabled me to see, at once, what I might do to further the great cause of Odd-Fellowship in this remote region. I was not long in discovering that there was no lack of knowledge among the brethren as to the true objects and real character of our institution. Odd-Fellowship is perfectly understood by them, and it is with infinite pleasure that I record the fact that, so far as my observations extend, and from the information I obtained from the most reliable sources outside of the Order, our brethren in Nova Scotia not only preach but practice, to the fullest extent, the great and ennobling principles of our beloved Order.

Odd-Fellowship is decidedly popular in each of the towns where the Lodges are located. In Pictou, especially, it is held in the highest esteem by the community. There the brethren had an opportunity, lately, to show to the uninitiated what Odd-Fellowship is, and what it can and does do, when necessity demands and opportunity is afforded. Through their exertions, during the severity of the winter of 1866, hundreds of needy persons, *not connected with the Order*, were supplied with food, clothing, and fuel. The people watched, with eager eyes, their deeds of humanity, their acts of disinterested kindness, of genuine philanthropy, and they smiled upon the generous givers. From this period the brethren of Eastern Star Lodge, which had dwindled down to a bare quorum, date their success; a different class of men, from what they had had before, applied for admission, and, in a little more than a year, the Lodge boasted of a roll of upwards of sixty as respectable and intelligent young men as can be found in their country.

In regard to Albion Lodge, it is proper to remark that there is, perhaps, nowhere to be found a more illustrious example of determined perseverance and commendable devotion to the interests of Odd-Fellowship than exists among the members of that body. The Lodge, as before stated, is composed of, at present, of upwards of one hundred members. This was not always so. One of the great difficulties the Lodge, in its infancy, labored under, was the want of a suitable place to meet in, (and this was also the case with Eastern Star and Norton Lodges, but not now, for they both assemble in very suitable halls, though small.) No other means could be adopted to meet this difficulty, but to build a hall. The idea conceived, the plan was made, and, although few in number, the members embarked upon the enterprise. They now possess a fine building, which cost upwards of $2,000, gold, (every cent of which has been paid,) in which there is a spacious hall and a commodious store, which, besides accommodating Albion Lodge

and the Grand Lodge, yields a handsome yearly rental, and thus augments the funds in hand and invested, amounting, at this time, to about $400.

Norton Lodge is not so well off, but it may be regarded as in a prosperous condition, considering that it has only about thirty members.

I have, perhaps, been unnecessarily prolix in regard to the status of the Lodges in Pictou and Albion Mines, but I deemed it my duty to fully acquaint you with the condition of the Order, as I found it, in Nova Scotia, so far as means and numbers are concerned.

In conversation with the Grand Master, Grand Rep. MATHESON, and other influential and active members of the Order attached to the different Lodges, I found that, though working well and harmoniously, there was great doubt in the minds of the members about the secret work, and, indeed, in regard to many of the important laws of the Order. This I could easily understand and appreciate. Cut off, as they have been for a period of four years, from the influence and supervision of the great head of the institution, it was not a matter of surprise that they should be groping in the dark; still it was wonderful, to me, to find them so well posted as they were. Believing that I could not better appropriate a fortnight of my limited time, I determined to remain in this section until the Grand Lodge of the jurisdiction met, and in the interim to visit the Lodges at Pictou, New Glasgow, and Albion Mines as frequently as possible, and give instructions in the secret work, mode of working, &c. My great desire, however, was to encourage the Past Grands of the different Lodges to attend the Grand Lodge, and further, to mould, to some extent, the new Grand Lodge, as an election was to take place. This I saw was absolutely necessary.

Having devoted my time, as indicated, conversing with the brethren daily, by times at Pictou, New Glasgow and Albion Mines, I had the pleasure of meeting with the Grand Lodge on the 5th of August. The session was very well attended. The returns from the Subordinate Lodges were entirely satisfactory, and the report of the Grand Master gave ample evidence of the great interest felt by that brother in the prosperity of the Order in his jurisdiction. I took occasion to instruct in the secret work, and was careful to explain, in detail, the mode of working. That my advice and instructions were thankfully received, and warmly appreciated by the Grand Lodge, as well as by the Subordinate Lodges, I had every evidence; each of the Lodges passed resolutions expressive of their thanks to the Grand Lodge of the United States for the interest it had manifested in them, in sending an individual to enquire into their condition and to instruct them in their duties. I enclose the resolutions of the Grand Lodge and of Eastern Star Lodge, No. 2.

The election of Grand officers was conducted with the greatest harmony and good feeling. P. G. ROBERT DOULL, of Eastern Star Lodge, was elected Grand Master, and Past Grand JOHN MATHESON, of Fuller Lodge, was elected Grand Secretary. With the management of these two zealous Odd-Fellows the Order in the jurisdiction must certainly prosper. New Lodges will be instituted, and the field of labor will be widely extended.

Although the brothers at Halifax gave me but little encouragement on the subject of reviving the Order there, I think the time is not far distant when they will ask for their charter, and unfurl the banner once more. They have the material and could establish a Lodge, at little or no expense, which would soon flourish. Some of the brethren think that a sufficient time has not elapsed since Acadia died to warrant an effort to resuscitate it. Perhaps it would be best to allow some of the causes which brought about the surrender to completely die out before attempting to unite.

Efforts will, no doubt, be made to revive the Order in "Truro," and "Lunenburg," where it once flourished, and, I believe, that the present Grand Officers will exert themselves to plant the banner on Prince Edward's Island. I conversed with several respectable and influential gentlemen from Charlottetown, who gave me to understand that there would be little

or no difficulty in starting the Order there. There are about seven thousand persons in and about Charlottetown.

It is also contemplated to see what can be done at "Cape Breton." The flourishing towns at "Cowbay" and "Sydney" have a population sufficiently large to warrant the belief that a Lodge could be established in each. Windsor, too, only forty-five miles from Halifax, is a fine field, and the same may be said in regard to the flourishing and populous districts of "Cornwallis," "Annapolis," and "Digby."

It may not be amiss to remark that our Consuls at Halifax and Pictou are both Odd-Fellows. Judge M. M. JACKSON, Consul at Halifax, was a member of a Lodge in Minnesota. For reasons best known to himself he did not unite with the Order in N. S. He spoke of it, however, in the most kind manner, and assured me that it would afford him great pleasure to aid in resuscitating Acadia Lodge, or to serve the Order in any way.

The Consul at Pictou, B. H. NORTON, was at one time a member of Eastern Star Lodge, and for several years took an active part in the cause of Odd-Fellowship. One of the existing Lodges is named after him. For some reason Bro. NORTON allowed his name to be dropped from the books. I urged him to renew his membership, and, although he seemed to be unwilling to do so, on account of his years and declining health, I think before long he will be one of us again. He can be a great help to the Order in that section.

I deem it proper to advert to the circumstances of the removal of the Grand Lodge of the Lower Provinces from Halifax to Albion Mines. It was done to keep the Order alive. Acadia Lodge was declining, and with it the Grand Lodge would have sunk. The members of the distant Lodges were apprized of this condition of things, and they rallied to the rescue. At a meeting of the Grand Lodge, at Halifax, in February, 1866, the matter having been previously arranged, it was agreed that all of the officers of that R. W. Body should be chosen from Eastern Star, Albion, and Norton Lodges, and that the G. Lodge should be removed to Albion Mines. This being done, the charter of Acadia Lodge was surrendered.

When the new party went into power, they had no knowledge of the financial condition of the Grand Lodge, and it was not until months had elapsed that it discovered that upwards of three hundred dollars were due the Grand Lodge of the United States for Representative tax, &c., and that towards paying said arrears the old officers only turned over to the new officers about as much as would pay one-half. This was rather discouraging, but our brothers, now in authority, determined to liquidate the debt, and they will do it. But I trust that, in view of all the circumstances, especially the fact that the present Grand Lodge had to commence *de novo*, (not a single set of regalia was turned over to them,) that the Grand Lodge of the United States will remit the arrears due to it by the Grand Lodge of the Lower Provinces. This will enable that body to procure the necessary regalia for its officers and members, and to purchase other articles which they now require. I also recommend that a complete copy of the proceedings and laws of the Order be donated to the Grand Lodge of that jurisdiction.

THE PATRIARCHAL BRANCH.

I was aware that there was no Encampment in Nova Scotia. But I was a little surprised to learn that there was not one member of the three existing Lodges who had received the Patriarchal degrees, not even the Grand Representative elect to the Grand Lodge of the United States.

Immediately on my arrival at Pictou, a number of brethren expressed their desire to become members of that branch of the Order, and a like request was made by some of the brothers of Norton and Fuller Lodges. Taking all things into consideration, having received an application, in due form, from members of Eastern Star, Fuller, and Norton Lodges, with the

necessary certificates showing their standing, (which is herewith enclosed,) after satisfying myself that there was sufficient material in the three Lodges, and of the right sort, to form a good Encampment, I addressed a letter to the applicants signifying my intention to comply with their request, a copy of which is herewith enclosed. Accordingly, I put the requisite number of scarlet degree members in possession of the Encampment degrees, and, at once, instituted an Encampment to be located at Pictou, and to be named "Stuart" Encampment, No. —. I need hardly say that I was careful to give the brothers full and complete instructions in the secret work, and also in the mode of working in an Encampment, explaining thoroughly the duties of the officers and members in conferring each of the degrees. I herewith enclose a copy of the dispensation. I hope this act will meet with the approval of yourself and of the Grand Lodge of the United States. My reasons for assuming the authority are briefly stated in my letter to the applicants, above referred to.

If possible, I should have preferred to have revived "Mambertoo" Encampment, which was located at Halifax, and which became defunct about ten years ago. This was out of the question. None of the members of that Encampment are now members of the Order. All of its effects were destroyed by fire—not a vestige of the regalia, books, charter, or other property remains.

I respectfully recommend that the charter and books for "Stuart" Encampment be given to the brethren, gratis, who have so praiseworthily undertaken to establish the Patriarchal branch of the Order in the Lower Provinces.

NEW BRUNSWICK.

This territory is included within the jurisdiction of the Lower Provinces of British North America. On leaving Nova Scotia I visited St. John's again, and, although, as on my first visit, I did not meet with a single individual who had been an "American" Odd-Fellow, I, this time, had the good fortune to come across several persons who were once attached to the Manchester Unity, and who seemed anxious that the American Order should be established in that city. Having assured myself of the sincerity of the persons I talked to—especially a Mr. WATTERS—I addressed a letter to Grand Master ROBERT DOULL, at Pictou, who, I have no doubt, will take immediate steps to raise the standard in that city. New Brunswick is a large field; it has several flourishing towns, easy of access. Frederickton and Shediac have populations sufficiently large to warrant the belief that a Lodge could be established in each of them.

On the subject of jurisdiction I take this occasion to remark that, although for the present it may be advisable to leave what is known as the Lower Provinces as they are, under the control of the Grand Lodge at Albion Mines, it seems to me that it would be advantageous to the Order to establish a distinct jurisdiction consisting of New Brunswick. I have every reason to believe that our Order would do well in that division of Her Majesty's possessions, and as the Grand Lodge of the United States has evinced a great desire to revive the Order in that direction, it would be well to follow up the effort, already made, by sending a suitable person there, who may continue long enough to accomplish the object in view; or, if it can be arranged, to endeavor to interest the Grand Lodge of the State of Maine, which being contiguous could, without much expense, establish one or more Lodges in St. John's and Frederickton. Could I have had more time, and had not my instructions limited my authority to institute Lodges only where a Grand Lodge did not exercise jurisdiction, I feel confident that I would have had no trouble in establishing a Lodge in St. John's.

QUEBEC.

My efforts in this city, though not entirely fruitless, were, nevertheless,

not a success. Without a great deal of difficulty I found a number of brethren, who had been connected with Mercantile and Albion Lodges, and to my infinite gratification discovered that the lamp of Odd-Fellowship had not altogether been extinguished, although the Lodges had been defunct many years. With the gentlemen I met I conversed freely on the subject of my mission, and, to the credit of some of them, I must say, they evinced the most earnest solicitude for the success of the Order, and seemed anxious that it should be established again in their city. All the difficulties they had to contend with, and which were the cause of the decline of the Order, were talked over. Some of them, it was thought, could be avoided, if the Order was revived; others, they would have to meet, the most formidable of which would be the opposition of the Catholic Church.

I will not trouble you with a recital of all that was done and said in reference to Odd-Fellowship at Quebec on the occasion of my visit. I made every human effort to get the brothers together. In response to a call through the press for a meeting of the members of the late Albion and Mercantile Lodges, and all other members of the Order, permanent or temporary residents, only four brothers made their appearance. This meagre representation did not prevent a free and full discussion of the subject for which they were called together to consider. It was a pleasant meeting, and I rejoiced to find that although Odd-Fellowship had fallen asleep it was not a sleep of death, and that there is a prospect of once more raising the standard of our beloved Order in Quebec. There are still some in that city who, having inhaled the ever-living breath of Friendship, are ready and willing to seize upon the glorious weapons of Love and do good battle against the enemy of Truth. Brothers LESUEUR, HEALEY, SMEATON and SKILLEN seemed particularly anxious to revive the Order, and were willing to enroll their names as applicants for a charter, but it was their unanimous opinion that it would be useless to attempt to establish a Lodge unless at least thirty names could be got, and of the very best men of those who still reside in Quebec; (it is believed that there are at least fifty living.) I could present no argument in opposition to their views, although I maintained that twenty would be sufficient. However, it was agreed that the four brothers named would form themselves into a committee, with the understanding that every effort should be made, by each and all of them, to secure the requisite number to form a Lodge, and that the Grand Secretary should be notified as soon as the object was accomplished. I agreed that, as soon as possible after my return to Baltimore, I would make known the arrangements which had been entered into, and that I would suggest to the Grand Sire the propriety of communicating with the committee, giving them such instructions as might be deemed proper to enable them to act with authority. This they requested, and I trust it may be done. I have promised, myself, to communicate frequently with them; they should be encouraged.

Bro. P. LESUEUR will act as the secretary of the committee; to him all communications will be sent.

On a separate paper I have expressed briefly my views of the cause of the decline of the Order in Quebec, deduced from the information I obtained from various sources.

I take occasion to say that the United States Consul at Quebec, Mr. HOLT, is a member of the Order, though not in good standing at this time. He was very kind and offered to aid me in any way. He did, indeed, render me valuable assistance in hunting up the old members.

MONTREAL.

In this city I did not meet with the encouragement I met with in Quebec. Still, I am happy to say that there is a reasonable prospect of reviving the Order there.

I was very fortunate, not without considerable trouble, however, in finding a number of brethren who had been connected with Queen's, Prince

Edward's, and Commercial Lodges. Among them I may mention Bros. EWAN, BECKET, DYDE, ISAACSON, MACFARLAN and ME'KAY, all of the highest respectability, and influential business men. Having informed them of the object of my visit, with the exception of Mr. MACFARLAN, these brothers at once expressed a desire to see the Order re-established in Montreal. I proposed to them to call a meeting of the members of the Order residing in the city through the press. Some of them approved of the plan, others did not. I determined to consult the United States Consul, as I had done in Halifax, Pictou, and Quebec. The Vice-Consul, Mr. POTTER, I found to be an Odd-Fellow; to him I made known the object of my mission, and asked his advice as to advertising. Mr. POTTER, after consideration, informed me that under all circumstances it would not be well to advertise. He stated, which I knew to be the case and which some of the brothers spoke of, that at this time there is great excitement in the Provinces, and especially in Canada East. The people are engaged in a warm, and it may be said, a bitter political contest. The Confederate party, which is the Government party, are suspicious of every secret gathering, and strenuous means are adopted by them to prevent all such assemblages. Mr. POTTER also thought that just at this time it would be imprudent to call a meeting of the members of our Order, which would have to be designated as the American Order, in contradistinction to the Manchester Unity, in view of the fact that there is much feeling throughout the British Possessions concerning the Fenian demonstrations in the United States. Without dwelling further upon this point, it is enough to say that I abandoned the idea of advertising and concluded to see as many of the members as I could. Bro. J. C. BECKET gave me every encouragement of success, and at one time I thought that I might be able to start a Lodge. However, this notion was given up.

As at Quebec, I succeeded in getting four of the brothers to promise me their co-operation in this work.

It is believed by Bros. BECKET and ME'KAY, especially, that in a short time, and I think they will, when the political excitement has subsided, be able to get together a sufficient number of the old members to establish a Lodge. I have promised to communicate frequently with Bro. B., who takes upon himself the duties of secretary for the party, and who will, from time to time, acquaint me with progress that is being made in carrying out our plans. I have also promised Bro. B. a copy of our Digest and a copy of the proceedings of the G. L. U. S. since 1863, together with some copies of our Tract for distribution.

It is proper to remark that Bro. BECKET was Treasurer of the Grand Lodge of Lower Canada some time previous to its breaking up. He has some of the books and papers belonging to that Body, and says he will hunt up the charters of some of the Lodges, which, when obtained, will be sacredly kept, subject to the order of the G. L. U. S. I allowed him to keep what books he has, because I thought, and he so expressed himself, that the possession of them would be of service to him in getting together the scattered membership.

I cannot tell you all that was done and said in Montreal to carry out the object of my visit to that city. I can only assure you that I left no stone unturned to accomplish what I went for, and I feel confident that the day is not far distant when we shall be cheered by the intelligence from our brethren there that they are ready to be put in possession of a charter. I would suggest, having the assurance of the earnest desire on the part of at least four members in Montreal to revive the Order in that city, that care should be taken that they do not become discouraged from want of attention. Some notice should be taken of their willingness—nay, anxiety, to re-establish Odd-Fellowship, and of their praiseworthy efforts in the cause. This refers as well to Quebec as to Montreal.

THE MANCHESTER UNITY.

As it was made a part of my duty to open a correspondence with the Manchester Unity in the British Provinces of North America, for the purpose of ascertaining the views of that fraternity with regard to a union of that body with ours, I availed myself of every opportunity to get the information required.

Without elaborating upon the means employed to accomplish the object, I have to inform you that, at this time, there is only one Lodge in operation in Nova Scotia, and that is located at Halifax. In my intercourse with the people, I learned that there were a considerable number of persons residing in that portion of Her Majesty's possessions who claimed to be members of the Unity, but no organization had been attempted except the one referred to. Carrying out the wishes of the Grand Lodge I sought for and succeeded in finding the Noble Grand of "Loyal Prince of Wales" Lodge, No. 5294, of Halifax. From him I learned that the Lodge had been in existence about two years, that it is now composed of about forty members, most of them military men, from the rank and file of the regiments stationed at Halifax. From this individual, who did not appear to be very conversant with the laws and usages of the Order, I learned that the charter under which the Lodge is working emanated from the mother body in England. That, according to said charter, said Lodge has jurisdiction over the eastern Lower Provinces. He also informed me that there were no other Lodges within the jurisdiction of his Lodge. On questioning him upon the subject of a union of the Unity with the American Order, he at once informed me that he, for one, would never agree. I expressed a desire to see the district officer, to which he replied that it would make no difference; the district officer had no authority to act; any proposition of that character would have to be referred to the managing committee at home. He also stated as one reason for objecting to such a project, that it would never meet with the approval of the persons attached to the army—officers or men—who, at farthest, only served in one place a few years, when their connection with the American Order would no longer be an advantage to them.

Having satisfied myself that there were but few persons, comparatively, permanently residing in Halifax connected with the Unity, and that the character and moral status of those who affiliated with that Order would not compare favorably with the standard of excellence established by our Order, I came to the conclusion that it would be unwise to attempt to bring about a union of the two institutions. This view of the matter was fully sustained by the members of the Order with whom I conversed on the subject; all agreed, to make use of the remark of a distinguished brother, that "it would never do for the Independent Order of Odd-Fellows of the United States to come down to the Manchester Unity," and that it would be impossible, at present, to raise the members of that fraternity to our grade, referring to their peculiar views of morality, social habits, daily practices, and legal privileges; of the full force of this argument I am perfectly satisfied.

There is no organization of the Unity at St. John's, N. B., nor in any part of that Province. Neither is there such an organization in Newfoundland, or Prince Edward's Island. A Lodge existed at St. John's, N. B., twenty years ago, but only for a short period. It never was popular, and its ephemeral existence mainly depended upon a few army men, whose exodus was followed by an abandonment of the charter of the Lodge. I was fortunate in falling in with several persons at St. John's who claimed to have been members of the Lodge referred to, especially a Mr. WATTERS, who gave me an interesting account of the rise and fall of the Order.

QUEBEC.

At Quebec, a Lodge did exist some years ago, but for want of support it gradually declined, and the charter was surrendered to the authority

which issued it. In this city I met with several persons who claimed to have been members of the Unity, and connected with the Lodge at Quebec. They informed me that there were a goodly number of persons residing in the city who belonged to the Order, but that there was no desire, on the part of any, to establish a Lodge. In speaking of the Union of the two Orders to some of the most intelligent persons I met at this place, I was struck with the unanimity with which they decided against the measure; not one favored the idea, and all maintained that it could not be accomplished. It was confidently asserted that no Lodge, district officer, nor, indeed, any number of individual members of the Unity, would or could entertain such a proposition. If made at all, it must be to the moveable committee in England. Whether right or wrong in the views they entertained, it is but justice to say that all exhibited a commendable interest in their own institution; indeed their loyalty to the home authorities surprised me not a little.

I may remark that many of the Unity men expressed the opinion that the American Order was better suited to the wants and tastes of the people of the Provinces, whether natives or adopted citizens, than their own.

THE MANCHESTER UNITY IN MONTREAL.

Immediately on my arrival in this city, I ascertained that the Order was in existence in an organized capacity. Without much difficulty I became acquainted with the Corresponding Secretary of the District Committee, or what may be regarded as the local Grand Lodge, Mr. J. FINDLAY, whom I found to be a very affable and intelligent gentleman. Having learned from him the status of the Unity in Montreal, I broached the subject of a union of the Manchester Unity on the Continent with ours. Mr. F., without hesitation, gave me to understand that such a proposition would not be entertained by the membership of the Unity in this place. He remarked, however, that neither the Lodge in Montreal nor the District Committee could act in the matter; that the subject would have to be referred to the home authorities, who alone could consider and act upon it. Mr. F., though not himself favoring a union of the two Orders, appeared very anxious that some arrangement should be made or entered into which would enable the members of the Unity to visit the Lodges connected with our Order, and, when in need, receive such aid as their circumstances might require. This, of course, to be reciprocal—the members connected with our Order to have the same privilege of visiting extended to them by the Unity in the British Possessions, and the assurance of pecuniary aid when needed. Mr. F. suggested that a password be established, common to both Orders, and that it could issue from the Grand Lodge of the United States.

Having conversed freely with Mr. FINDLAY in reference to the subject of a union, I concluded to address him a letter, a copy of which is herewith enclosed, as is also the reply thereto. It will be seen that he has only answered my enquiries in part; that he has little or no knowledge of the condition of the Unity in Canada West. He says he will lay my letter before the Lodge at its next meeting.

In regard to the Manchester Unity in Canada West, I may remark that it is somewhat independent of the authorities at home, as, indeed, is the Montreal Order and the Order at Halifax. They each are entitled, however, to a representation before the Grand Moveable Committee in England, which furnishes the annual password; all the Colonial laws must be based upon the general laws emanating from the fountain head.

From observation and the information I have obtained in regard to this important subject, I have come to the following conclusions, which I trust may not be regarded as dictating to yourself or the Grand Lodge.

In determining upon the propriety of making an effort to unite our Order with the Manchester Unity in the British Possessions on this Continent, and especially in Lower Canada, which is as far west as my personal knowledge and observation extends—and the same may be said as to the Order in the Lower Provinces—it seems to be that it would be proper to consider the

strength of the Unity, the character of its membership, and the position it occupies in the eyes of the community; and then the amount of good to be accomplished by uniting the Orders. In Canada East there is but one Lodge, located at Montreal; that Lodge has a membership of about 130. No doubt they are all, or most of them, men of respectability, and some of them unquestionably rank among the highest classes in the community. But a large portion of the men are attached to Her Majesty's service here, as is also the case in Halifax, principally in the army. This does not prevent them from being respectable by any means, but they are a migrating class, never long in any one place—this year on the American Continent, and next year, perhaps, in Africa or Asia—drawing and depositing their cards as circumstances make it necessary. With this view of the case, and these facts before us, comment, I think, is unnecessary.

That it would be desirable to enlarge upon the means already employed to ameliorate the condition of our fellow-men there can be but one opinion; that it would add much to the happiness and social condition of a large number of persons, connected with the two Orders, were it possible to establish a reciprocity act, which would enable the members of each to fraternize, if only to a limited extent, as proposed by Mr. FINDLAY, no one will deny: but will the end justify the means suggested? In my humble judgment it will not. By such an act the Unity would have all to gain—nothing to lose.

If there was a prospect of that Order increasing to any extent on this Continent, it might be well to carefully consider the subject; or, if it could be believed that eventually the Manchester Unity, as a body, would consent to unite with the American Order in the great work of human benefaction, which both claim to be engaged in, then the inducement would be still greater to seize upon any plan, or to accept any proposition, which would be regarded as the entering wedge to the accomplishment of an object so much to be desired. But the Unity, in all probability, will never attain any great strength on this Continent. It is doubtful whether it would exist at all in Halifax or Montreal were it not for the army. It is an excellent beneficial society, but as far as I can learn there are no other inducements to join—such as the American Order is justly proud of.

The Manchester Unity, in England, Scotland, and Ireland, has been a success: first, because of its purely beneficial character, and the necessities of the people; and, secondly, because many of the most prominent men, the aristocracy, are associated with it. Earls, lords, and individuals in high positions in the army and navy have not only countenanced it, but not a few are members, and contribute liberally to its funds; and, besides, they devote much time to the Order, attend the meetings, deliver lectures, &c., thereby encouraging persons of lesser pretensions to become and continue members. This fact establishes the Unity as a national institution, of which all concerned, at home or abroad, are naturally proud, and, that being the case, it is not probable that any proposition could be made to induce that Order to unite with any other organization, no matter how nearly assimilated in character, name, or objects, unless such terms and conditions as might be dictated by them were acceded to. In other words, the American Order would be obliged to take a retrograde step, and return to the old forms and practices of the mother institution, as well as regards the work as to other and more important matters.

In closing this, perhaps, unnecessarily lengthy report, I must, in justice to myself, remark, that I have felt it to be my bounden duty to lay before you, in detail, all the information I obtained, together with my own views and impressions, connected with the duties of my mission, even although I incur the charge of wearying your patience.

Fraternally yours,

FRED. D. STUART,

Special Commissioner to the Lower Provinces of B. N. A., &c

I. O. O. F.
OFFICE OF M. W. GRAND SIRE,
R. W. G. L. U. S.
Yonkers, New York, November, 1866.

To the R. W. G..... of G ..... of

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER: By resolutions unanimously adopted at the September session, 1866, of the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, it is made my especial duty to issue a circular addressed to the several "Grand Bodies under this jurisdiction which have not been subjected to the ravages of the late civil war," setting forth the misfortunes and necessities of our brethren who have so greatly suffered from said cause, recommending each of said jurisdictions to cause a circular to be issued to their respective Subordinates, calling their attention to the premises, and soliciting contributions in this behalf.

In pursuance of these resolutions, I beg very earnestly to present this subject to your early and earnest consideration. The information presented to the Grand Lodge of the United States, touching the misfortunes and desolation of our brethren in the Southern Jurisdictions, is so eloquently and elaborately set forth in the report of the Legislative Committee of the last session, that I do not deem it necessary to add a single word to the appeal therein made to the liberality and fraternal spirit of the Order. That report, in detail, will accompany this circular, and form a part of my official communication to the jurisdiction at large.

Allow me to commend its perusal to your early attention, and to express the hope that you will feel it to be no less a pleasure than a duty to take active and prompt measures to render this appeal eminently successful within your jurisdiction. As prescribed by the second resolution, all contributions made will be paid to the Grand Secretary or Grand Scribe of the respective State Grand Bodies, to be by them transmitted to the Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary of the Grand Lodge of the United States.

Yours fraternally,

JAMES P. SANDERS, *Grand Sire.*

I. O. O. F.
R. W. GRAND LODGE OF THE UNITED STATES,
September Session, 1866.

AMONG OTHER PROCEEDINGS, THE FOLLOWING WAS HAD:

Rep. GAREY, of Maryland, from the Legislative Committee, made the following report, which was considered and unanimously adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Legislative Committee, to which was referred that portion of the report of the M. W. Grand Sire, setting forth the misfortunes and desolation of the jurisdiction of the Southern States, and recommending some effective plan by which aid may be extended to them, and the welfare of that portion of our beloved Order promoted, beg leave respectfully to report that the language of the M. W. Grand Sire truthfully represents the sad condition of our Southern brethren. "The destruction of their halls, lodge-rooms, furniture and regalia, by the ravages of war, was in some sections almost total and complete." During the session we have freely conferred with these brethren, and have obtained valuable information regarding the condition

and prospects of their separate jurisdictions. In many places large and zealous Lodges and Encampments have been left utterly destitute, without books, regalia, funds, or places of meeting, and so needy are the members that with every disposition to reorganize and push on the work, the means are wanting for the bare necessaries which are required for a working Lodge or Encampment. Places have been cited where an organization might easily be effected, and a nucleus formed for a new career of prosperity with very small pecuniary assistance, and where Grand Officers cannot go to gather up these fragments for want of money to pay their necessary expenses. In the mean time the orphan, the widow, and the destitute have increased beyond all precedent on their hands, and exhaust at once all the resources which they are able to command. The Order has been put back for years by these misfortunes, and will suffer yet more unless speedy and effectual help be supplied, when, upon the other hand, by prompt effort and action, much that is lost may be repaired, and the Order started on a new and yet more prosperous career. Once in the South membership to many was but a social and fraternal tie, without regard to the peculiar features of the Order, but now it is mostly sought for all its advantages, including the help it affords the sick and the widow, and the protection extended to the fatherless. Our brethren of these jurisdictions, in the midst of all these calamities, have been silent, and have suffered without a murmur of complaint. They come among us strong in the faith of the resurrection and prosperity of their Lodges, and with noble energy have put their hands to the work of a thorough revival of the Order. They have appealed to our sympathies only by their silent sufferings, borne with manly fortitude, and have so far asked from us no material or pecuniary assistance. But this does not satisfy the brotherhood of the North which escaped the ravages of the civil war; we feel assured that we but feebly utter their sentiments when we say that if the true condition of their unfortunate brethren was made known to them they would gladly and speedily, out of their rich abundance, cause "the wilderness and the solitary places to be glad," and the desert "to blossom as the rose."

We therefore propose to devise a general plan for the relief of our Southern brethren, and, by enlisting all the Grand Bodies of the North, East and West, to draw from each and all the voluntary help which will restore to the Order the wide territory and great resources of this vital portion of our country.

We firmly believe, and so assert, that it only needs the information we have given, and the call about to be made, to induce generous Odd-Fellows of prosperous jurisdictions to rally as one man to the rescue, and to restore these bright jewels to the crown of the Order. We would further state that although Texas has been a great sufferer, and is much in need, especially as regards its Grand Encampment, yet its generous Representatives have requested to be excepted from any relief which we may propose, as they are confident that other jurisdictions of the South have much greater necessity for such relief at this time than has the Order in their State. To secure the great objects herein set forth, and meet this pressing exigency, we recommend the following, to wit:

Resolved, That so soon as this Body shall adjourn, the M. W. Grand Sire shall forthwith issue a circular, directed to the Grand Lodges and Encampments under the jurisdiction of this R. W. Grand Lodge, which have not been subjected to the ravages of the late civil war, setting forth the misfortunes and necessities of our brethren who have so greatly suffered from said cause; recommending the Grand Bodies of each of said jurisdictions to cause a circular to be issued to each of their Subordinates, calling their attention to the premises, and soliciting contributions for the aid of the Order in the South, and requiring them to pay the same to the R. W. Grand Secretary of each of said Grand Bodies.

Resolved, That the R. W. Grand Secretary of each Grand Body shall, as

soon as may be, forward and pay all money received by them for said purpose, to the R. W. Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary of this body, who shall at once proceed to distribute the same *pro rata* among the several State Jurisdictions of the States respectively of Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, Mississippi, Louisiana, Alabama, Tennessee, and Arkansas, and pay the same to the Grand Masters thereof.

Resolved, That the distribution of the relief contemplated by the foregoing resolution shall be made under the advice and direction of the Grand Masters of the several State Jurisdictions of said named States, and all proceedings hereunder by the R. W. Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary shall be reported to the next session of this R. W. Grand Body.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

HENRY F. GAREY,
BENJ. KINGSBURY, JR.
J. W. STOKES,
J. GRISWOLD.

Test: JAMES L. RIDGELY, *Cor. and Rec. Secretary.*

I. O. O. F.

BY THE MOST WORTHY GRAND SIRE.

PROCLAMATION

APPOINTING A DAY OF GENERAL THANKSGIVING.

WHEREAS the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States of the Independent Order of Odd-Fellows, at its late September session, 1866, in grateful "recognition of the unerring hand of God in rescuing the genius of Odd-Fellowship from the ruin which desolated so many of the benevolent and charitable institutions of our common country, as the indispensable effect of civil war, and of the unmistakable prosperity which has crowned its labors during the year which has just passed," did, by unanimous vote, direct the M. W. Grand Sire to issue his Proclamation appointing a day of Thanksgiving for these and countless other blessings vouchsafed to our beloved Order:

Now, therefore, I, JAMES P. SANDERS, M. W. Grand Sire, do hereby fraternally direct that the twenty-sixth day of April, 1867, be observed by the members of our Order throughout the general jurisdiction as a day of Thanksgiving and Prayer, and that they do assemble on said day in such manner, and form of organization, with their families, as the appropriate authorities in their respective State Jurisdictions may prescribe, to render thanks to the ever-living God, for his manifest favor and protection to that institution which we so much love and cherish, and especially for the preservation of its unbroken unity through trials and perils of unparalleled severity.

Done at the city of Baltimore, the first day of November, A. D. 1866, and of our Order the forty-eighth.

JAMES P. SANDERS, *M. W. Grand Sire.*

JAS. L. RIDGELY, *C. S.*

DOCUMENTS

Accompanying the Report of the Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary.

Davies' Correspondence.

I. O. O. F.

OFFICE OF CORRESPONDING AND RECORDING SECRETARY,
R. W. G. L. U. S.

Baltimore, April 2d, *1867.*

D. W. C. LANGDON, ESQ., *R. W. Grand Secretary.*

MY DEAR SIR AND BROTHER: I transmit to your address and care an elaborate copy of the proceedings had in the Grand Lodge of the United States touching the death of P. G. M. and P. G. Rep. JOHN J. DAVIES, which I will be glad if you would present to his widow, with the enclosed letter. The delay has been occasioned by circumstances beyond my control. I transmit also two attested copies of the same proceeding, the one for the Grand Lodge and the other for the Grand Encampment of New York. Your compliance will greatly oblige your friend and brother,

JAMES L. RIDGELY, *Cor. Sec'ry.*

I. O. O. F.

OFFICE OF G. SEC'Y OF G. L. OF STATE OF NEW YORK,
Odd-Fellows' Hall, cor. Grand and Centre sts.

New York, May 14, 1867.

JAMES L. RIDGELY, ESQ.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER: I have duly received a copy of the action had in the G. L. U. S. in relation to the death of P. G. Master JOHN J. DAVIES. I have delivered the testimonial to Mrs. Davies, and her reply, when received, I will forward to you. Fraternally,

D. W. C. LANGDON, *Grand Scribe.*

P. S.—One copy for Grand Lodge and one copy for Grand Encampment also received.

I. O. O. F.

OFFICE CORRESPONDING AND RECORDING SECRETARY,
R. W. G. L. U. S.

Baltimore, March 28, 1867.

MRS. ADELAIDE DAVIES:

By the command of the Grand Lodge of the United States, I. O. O. F., of which distinguished Body your lamented husband was a much honored and valued member, it is directed that a copy of the proeeedings had upon the announcement of his death should be transmitted to his afflicted widow.

As the ministerial officer of that Lodge, it is my duty to carry into execution this command. In entering upon its performance, I feel that, however sad the office, it is not without alleviating and compensating reminiscences.

The good that we do on earth hangs out upon the horizon of time like a beacon light, to guide the path of those who follow, and by the force of its example awakens a corresponding spirit of emulation. Men thus become immortal on earth by virtue of the moral excellence they reflect, and the just influence which flows into society from their labors of love and mercy.

True to this portrait of the good and useful was the life and works of your beloved husband—long will his memory be cherished by his brother Odd-Fellows, not the more for his disinterested love for the Order than for his high moral worth as a man. This memory, now enshrined in the hearts of his compeers, with whom he was so long accumstomed to labor, will be cherished by each one of them until they too shall be summoned in turn from the scenes of earth: nor will it pass away with them; it will survive to his and their posterity as an inseparable part of the history of an institution whose value to society is subordinate only to the higher and holier claims of religion.

In transmitting this testimonial of the profound appreciation entertained by the Grand Lodge for the memory of the deceased, and of its sincere condolence with his afflicted family, allow me to give expression to my individual sorrow. Bro. DAVIES honored me with his friendship, which continued uninterruptedly for many long years. On my part the affection was reciprocated and correspondingly earnest. We had much intercourse, personal as well as official, and I am assured that his heart was the very embodiment of kindness and goodliness, and that he "lived and moved and had his entire moral being" in the pure atmosphere of benevolence. To do good to his fellow-men, and enlarge the area of his usefulness, was his highest ambition. No Odd-Fellow has performed his part with truer heart, with firmer zeal, or more unwearied and persistent devotion to the cause of humanity. To this noble inspiration he superadded the graces of a christian, the refinement of a polished gentlemen, and a perfect disinterestedness of motive.

Amid the circumstances of trial and gloom which this sad bereavement crowd upon your mind, you have the sincere sympathy of that great Order which he loved and served so nobly, and the unutterable consolations of that pure religion which assures that he has gone to his reward.

"With all his prospects brightening to the last,
His Heaven commenced ere the world was past."

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,
JAMES L. RIDGELY, *Cor. Sec'ry.*

BROOKLYN, June 3d, 1867.

JAMES L. RIDGELY, *Grand Secretary.*

DEAR SIR: I deeply regret that I have been obliged to allow your kind letter to remain unacknowledged such a length of time, but my seeming negligence has been caused by illness in my own family, and that of Mr. LANGDON'S. I received a copy of the action had in the Grand Lodge of the United States at its last session, elegantly framed, touching the death of my late husband, for which I beg you to convey to that Body my grateful thanks, and also please accept for yourself my kind regards for the manner in which the testimonial has been executed, and for your kind words of sympathy at my bereavement, which coming from one whom my husband so highly respected, were indeed consoling. Ever in the prayers of the widow and orphans shall the welfare of your Order be remembered.

Again thanking yourself and brother Odd-Fellows for all their kindness,
I remain their sincere friend,
A. DAVIES.

Custody of Southern Relief Fund.

I. O. O. F.

OFFICE OF CORRESPONDING AND RECORDING SECRETARY,
R. W. G. L. U. S.

Baltimore, October 27th, 1866.

P. G. M. JOSHUA VANSANT, *R. W. G. Treasurer:*

MY DEAR SIR AND BROTHER: At the last session of the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, the following resolution, on motion of Rep. RANSOM, of Kentucky, was adopted:

Resolved, That the report of the Committee on the Wildey Monument, made on the occasion of the dedication of the Wildey Monument, September, 1865, be printed in the Appendix to the Journal of the present session, and that the Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary prepare a statement, showing in detail, the whole amount of receipts and expenditures on account of the Wildey Monument, to be added thereto.

This resolution has devolved a duty upon the Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary which, in part, can only be performed by the Grand Treasurer, viz: the statement of expenditures in detail of the Wildey Monument Committee. It was doubtless the intention of the mover of the resolution, and of the Lodge by its adoption, to address the subject to the joint consideration of the receiving and disbursing officer of the Grand Body. Under these circumstances, I beg to request the favor of you to supply at your convenience the statement desired. In this connection, allow me also to call your attention to the proceedings of the Grand Lodge on page 3996, Journal, being the report of the Legislative Committee on the subject of aid to Southern Jurisdictions. No provision is made in the resolutions accompanying the report of the committee, and adopted by the Grand Lodge, for the custody of the fund contributed and received by the Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary during its accumulation. It was certainly intended that the Grand Treasurer, as the proper officer of the Grand Lodge, should have charge of this fund and retain it, subject to the order of distribution provided in the resolution. May I ask you to receive these funds in your official capacity, and thus to aid me in carrying into effect the obvious intention of the Grand Lodge.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES L. RIDGELY, *Cor. Sec'ry.*

BALTIMORE, November 3d, 1866.

JAMES L. RIDGELY, ESQ., *Grand Corrsponding and Recording Secretary Grand Lodge United States:*

MY DEAR SIR AND BROTHER: I am in the receipt of your communication of the 27th ultimo. In reply thereto I have to say that the resolution of Grand Representative RANSOM, to which you refer, was doubtless intended to embrace an exhibit of the sums contributed to the Wildey Monument Fund by the Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments respectively, and the receipts in detail from other sources, as well as the expenditures in detail on the same account.

Inasmuch, therefore, as your entries will show the sums received from each Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment, if you will furnish me with those items I will take much pleasure in making up the statement in accordance with the resolutions aforesaid.

As the whole work connected with the monument is completed, and all the bills in the same connection have been paid, and the committee that superintended its construction is prepared to surrender its trust, and commit

the structure to the charge of the elective Grand Officers of the Grand Lodge, and the Grand Representatives to that Body, residents of the city of Baltimore, as provided for in the resolution appended to the report of that committee, I will, if it shall meet with your approval, make up the statement to the date of the last payment made by the said committee.

In your communication you have also called my attention to the resolutions which accompany the report of the Legislative Committee—to be found on page 3996 of the Journal of the late session of the Grand Lodge—in reference to aid to be given to certain Southern Jurisdictions, and in that connection suggest whether the Grand Treasurer, notwithstanding the resolutions do not make that officer the custodian of the moneys which may be contributed for the relief referred to, should not receive the same as other funds of the Grand Lodge are received by him, and be subject to your official order for its distribution, as provided by the resolution of the Legislative committee.

In the foregoing connection I have to say that the Constitution of the Grand Lodge, article seven, and the nineteenth article of the by-Laws thereof, constitute the Grand Treasurer the custodian of all the moneys, &c., "of the Grand Lodge," and "for the Grand Lodge," and the resolution of that Body, page 3460 of the Revised Journal of 1862, directs him to "deposit the funds of the Grand Lodge, as may from time to time be received, in one or more of the banks of the city or town in which he may reside, where the same may be deemed secure, and to be deposited in the name of the Grand Lodge of the United States, I. O. O. F., and he shall only draw the funds deposited on his official check, and for the payment of such bills as may be certified by the Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary." In my judgement, the rational construction to be given to the organic law of the Grand Lodge is, that all moneys received by the Grand Secretary—who is the receiving officer of the Grand Lodge—whether in the form of dues or otherwise, and whether designed for the payment of regular or extraordinary expenses, or for other purposes, are for the time *in the treasury of the Grand Lodge*, and being so the law makes the Grand Treasurer their custodian until such time as he may be required to pay over the same as prescribed by law.

The resolutions of the committee are, however, not only silent with reference to the Grand Treasurer, but make the Grand Secretary the receiver and disburser of the Southern Relief Fund, and require him to report to the Grand Lodge "all proceedings" in connection with the resolutions. I cannot, of course, divine the intention of the Legislative Committee, or of the Grand Lodge, but the letter of the resolutions certainly appears to ignore the office of the Grand Treasurer in the matter.

In your judgement, however, in all matters connected with the laws of the Grand Lodge, and with its legislation, I have great confidence; and as you think that I should, in my official capacity, receive from you the funds contributed, or to be contributed, under the resolutions aforesaid, I will, with much pleasure do so, and will deposit such moneys in bank to the credit of the Grand Lodge, as I do all other of its funds, and will open a separate account of receipts and disbursements under said resolutions.

I suggest, respectfully, that you communicate to the M. W. Grand Sire, if consistent with your judgement, the substance, at least, of our correspondence in reference to the second subject embraced in your communication. If he should dissent from your views in connection with the matter, we can only undo what we may have done, and conform our action to his arbitrament.

Fraternally yours,

JOSHUA VANSANT, *Grand Treasurer.*

I. O. O. F.

OFFICE CORRESPONDING AND RECORDING SECRETARY,
R. W. G. L. U. S.

Baltimore, November 7th, 1867.

J. P. SANDERS, *M. W. Grand Sire:*

MY DEAR SIR AND BROTHER: Enclosed please find correspondence between the Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary and the Grand Treasurer, touching an important subject. Your views are respectfully asked in the premises, to which we will conform.

Yours very truly,

JAMES L. RIDGELY, *Cor. Secretary.*

I. O. O. F.

OFFICE OF THE GRAND SIRE,
R. W. G. L. U. S.

YONKERS, November 10, 1866.

J. L. RIDGELY, *R. W. G. Corres. and Rec. Secretary:*

MY DEAR SIR AND BROTHER: In reply to yours of 7th inst., permit me to say, that by the resolution on page 3996 of the Journal, session of 1866, I think the funds therein mentioned are to be placed in your hands, and you have the power to place them where you may think proper. Art. VII, sec. 1 and 2 of Constitution reads, it is true, "The Grand Treasurer shall keep the moneys," &c., of the Grand Lodge, but it also reads: "no money shall be drawn from the treasury but in consequence of appropriations *made* by the Grand Lodge." The resolution in question makes no approriation, but leaves the whole matter in *your* hands to receive and disburse under the advice and directions of the Grand Masters of the several States named, &c. These moneys do not belong to the Grand Lodge, but you are named as the person to receive them *in trust* for a specific object, and are held responsible accordingly. They are safe, no matter which hands they fall into, but you know I am a strict constructionist, and as you have thought proper to submit the same to me, I think that you are the *only* one responsible to the Grand Lodge.

Yours fraternally,

J. P. SANDERS, *Grand Sire.*

Boylston Correspondence.

BALTIMORE, September 25, 1866.

MRS. S. A. BOYLSTON:

MADAM: I have this day forwarded to your address at Winnsboro', South Carolina, per express, a duplicate of the original portrait of your honored husband, now in possession of the Grand Lodge of the United States of the Independent Order of Odd-Fellows, which I am directed by resolutions unanimously adopted to present to you, "as a memorial of the affection entertained for him by that distinguished Grand Body, and of its profound sympathy with his bereaved widow in the loss which she has sustained."

Allow me, in the performance of this grateful office, to add the concurrent opinion of all the Grand Representatives present, to whom our lamented brother was personally known, that the portrait is an admirable delineation of the living subject, in which judgement I cordially concur. Trusting that you may recognize the similitude, and from its presence often derive consolation in the sad companionship, I commit it to your keeping with my

earnest prayer that God will "temper the storms of life to the shorn lambs," and lead you safely through the difficult paths of the world.

With sincere respect, yours respectfully,

JAMES L. RIDGELY, *Corres. Secretary.*

WINNSBORO', October 15, 1866.

MR. J. L. RIDGELY:

DEAR SIR: Allow me to tender, through you, to the Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd-Fellows of the United States, my most grateful acknowledgments for the very handsome donation of the portrait of my beloved husband, and for the sentiments of affection for him and sympathy for myself which prompted the offering. The likeness is considered very good and the painting admirably executed. The artist has happily caught an expression which frequently animated his countenance. I shall always prize this memento of the regard of the brotherhood as one of the most valued treasures of my life, and will endeavor to instil into my sons an affection for that Order, which was so highly prized by their father.

Accept, dear sir, for yourself a renewed assurance of my thanks for the sympathy expressed at all times for my children and self, and especially for the expressions of kindness with which you convey to me this most valued offering of brotherly love.

With sincere respect, yours, truly,

S. A. BOYLSTON.

On motion of Rep. KINGSBURY, of Maine, the report of the Grand Secretary was referred to same committee to which the report of the M. W. G. Sire was referred.

The hour of 12 o'clock, (fixed for recess by special order,) having arrived, the Lodge accordingly took a recess for thirty minutes.

TWELVE AND A HALF O'CLOCK.

The Lodge re-assembled pursuant to the order for recess.

The R. W. G. Treasurer announced his purpose to make his Annual Report to-morrow morning.

Rep. MCKINSTRY, of Alabama, from the special committee on that subject, made the following report:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Special Committee, to whom was referred the several invitations from public and private institutions in the city of New York, respectfully report:

That the invitations presented, inviting the Grand Lodge to participate in ceremonies and visit institutions, are so numerous that to comply with all would consume a larger portion of the time of the members than can be spared from their more appropriate duties. But your committee deem it it proper to accept the invitations extended through the Committee of the Grand Lodge of New York to visit the Central Park on Tuesday afternoon, and such of the institutions in that vicinity as time may allow. Your committee also recommend that the invitations embracing a visit to the eleemosynary institutions, under the charge of the Commissioners of Public Charities should be accepted. A visit to these institutions would furnish useful information for Odd-Fellows to receive. Other invitations may be properly

left at the discretion of individual members of the Grand Lodge. The following resolution is submitted for adoption:

Resolved, That the Grand Lodge will adjourn for the day on Tuesday, 17th, at twelve o'clock noon; and that when the grand Lodge adjourns on Wednesday, 18th, it be until Friday, 20th, at nine o'clock A. M.

ALEX. McKINSTRY,
ISAAC M. VEITCH,
F. A. ELLIS.

On motion of Rep. SIMPSON, of Pennsylvania, the rule was suspended and the report considered.

Rep. HYLAND, of West Virginia, asked a division of the question, and the question being on the first branch of the resolution accompanying the report, viz. "that the Grand Lodge will adjourn for the day on Tuesday, the 17th inst., at 12 o'clock noon," it was adopted.

The question recurring on the second branch of the resolution, viz. "that when the Grand Lodge adjourns on Wednesday, the 18th inst., it be until Friday, the 20th inst., at 9 o'clock A. M.," it was resolved in the affirmative.

The M. W. G. Sire announced the following Standing Committees:

Committee on the State of the Order.—Reps. STOKES, of Pennsylvania; McKINSTRY, of Alabama; ESCAVAILLE, of Maryland; HODGES, of Massachusetts; McCARTY, of Indiana.

Legislative Committee.—Reps. GAREY, of Maryland; FITZHUGH, of Virginia; SMILEY, of Tennessee; SIMPSON, of Pennsylvania; WILLARD, of Illinois.

Committee on Correspondence.—Reps. HOKE, of North Carolina; MARVIN, of New York; MAURO, of Misouri; BANCROFT, of Massachusetts; BECKET, of Maine.

Committee on Finance.—Reps. TERWILLIGER, of New York; PAGE, of Wisconsin; BAILEY, of Pennsylvania; LOGAN, of Kansas; BOTSFORD, of Connecticut.

Committee on Appeals.—Reps. LAMBERTON, of Pennsylvania; KINGSBURY, of Maine; THAYER, of South Carolina; HUNTER, of Louisiana; STEELE, of West Virginia.

Committee on Constitutions.—Reps. DOWDEN, of Kentucky; MAYES, of Mississippi; DENNIS, of Michigan; DRISCOL, of Rhode Island; FITHIAN, of Ohio.

Committee on Petitions.—Reps. LEECH, of Iowa; DURHAM, of Kentucky; WHITE, of New York; McKENZIE, of South Carolina; PEARSON, of Massachusetts.

Committee on Returns.—Reps. ROSS, of New Jersey; BABCOCK, of Illinois; THOMPSON, of Missouri; MARIS, of Delaware; STRONG, of Minnesota.

Committee on Mileage and Per Diem.—Reps. BABCOCK, of Ohio; STUART, of District of Columbia; RANSOM, of Kentucky; FORCE, of New Jersey; LATHAM, of Virginia.

Committee on Grand Bodies not Represented.—Reps. DAMON, of Florida; BRAGG, of Arkansas; GILMAN, of California; DOE, of New Hampshire; SABINE, of Nevada.

Committee on printing.—Reps. McLEAN, of District of Columbia; DEITZ, of Georgia; TOWNSEND, of Connecticut; GLENN, of Iowa; and FOULK, of Delaware.

The Jurisdictions were now called in their respective order for business, when Rep. ESCAVAILLE, of Maryland, moved the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved. That 9½ o'clock, A. M., on to-morrow, Tuesday, 17th inst., be fixed for the consideration of the resolutions reported at the last session of this body (Journal 1866, pages 3934 and 3956) of the Special Committee upon the subject of non-beneficial membership.

Rep. ESCAVAILLE, of Maryland, moved the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the per diem for the session be six dollars, and the mileage be five cents per mile, and that the same be computed by the nearest mail route, unless it may appear to the Committee on Mileage and Per Diem that there is a nearer traveled route, in which case the traveled route shall have the precedence, with the exception that the Representatives from California, Oregon, and Nevada shall be paid mileage according to the routes they were required to travel.

Resolved, That the Grand Lodge adjourn *sine die* on Saturday the 20th inst., at 12 o'clock M.

The question being on the first resolution—

Rep. LEECH, of Iowa, moved to amend by striking out "six dollars" and inserting "five," which was not agreed to.

Tho question recurring on the resolution, it was adopted.

The question now being on the second resolution—

Rep. BAILEY, of Pennsylvania, moved to amend the resolution by striking out "Saturday, at 12 M.," and inserting "Friday."

Rep. WILLARD, of Illinois, moved further to amend, as follows:

Strike out all after resolved, and insert, That the Committee on Mileage and Per Diem be instructed to calculate per diem for six days' attendance.

The question being on the motion, to amend, of Rep. WILLARD, of Illinois—

Rep. MCKINSTRY, of Alabama, moved to lay the whole subject on the table, which was resolved in the negative.

The question recurring on the amendment of Rep. WILLARD, of Illinois—

Rep. BABCOCK, of Ohio, moved indefintely to postpone the subject, which was not agreed to.

Rep. MAURO, of Missouri, now moved to postpone the subject until Wednesday, which was not agreed to.

The question recurring on the amendment of Rep. WILLARD, of Illinois, as follows: "That the Committee on Mileage and Per Diem be instructed to calculate per diem for six days attendance," it was not agreed to.

The question now being on the amendment of Rep. BAILEY, of Pennsylvania, it was not agreed to.

The question recurring on the resolution of Rep. ESCAVAILLE, of Maryland, as follows: "That the Grand Lodge adjourn *sine die* on Saturday the 20th instant, at 12 M."

Rep. MAURO, of Missouri, moved to lay the subject on the table, which was not agreed to.

The question again being on the original resolution of Rep. ESCAVAILLE, of Maryland, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Rep. HODGES, of Massachusetts, moved the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the R. W. Grand Secretary be authorized to furnish each officer and member of this Grand Lodge with ten printed copies of the Reports of its Grand Officers and of the Daily Journal.

Rep. WHITE, of New York, presented a petition on the subject of the Degree of Rebekah, which was referred to the Committee on Petitions.

Rep. BABCOCK, of Ohio, moved the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the secret journal and books of diagrams be placed in the hands of the R. W. Deputy Grand Sire, and that officer is hereby requested to furnish every opportunity to properly accredited Representatives to acquaint themselves with the work, not only during the sittings of this Grand Lodge, but under proper restrictions during its recesses.

Rep. CARTER, of Ohio, submitted the following query, which was referred to the Committee on the State of the Order.

A brother has passed the chairs in his Subordinate Lodge, has been certified as a Past Grand, his certificate received, and he thereby having become a member of the Grand Lodge, that body subsequently, for cause, expels him therefrom: what position will he thereafter hold in the Subordinate Lodge; will said Subordinate be authorized to rank him as a Past Grand?

Rep. HUNTER, of Lousiana, submitted the following proceeding of the Grand Encampment of Lousiana, which was referred to the Committee on Correspondence:

Resolved, That the New Ritual received from the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, through our R. W. Grand Rep., (A. Wallace Hunter,) for the action of this Grand Encampment, does not meet with the approval of this R. W. Grand Body.

Rep. HUNTER, of Louisiana, moved the following resolution, which was referred to the Legislative Committee:

Resolved, That the term of service for officers of Subordinate Lodges and Encampments be twelve months, and that all laws of this R. W. Grand Body to the contrary be and are hereby repealed.

Rep. RAUM, of New Jersey, submitted the following query from the Grand Encampment of New Jersey, which was referred to the Committee on the State of the Order.

"Is it proper for a Grand Encampment to approve a Constitution and By-Laws of a Subordinate Encampment in which previous service as a High Priest is made a necessary qualification to eligibility as a candidate for Chief Patriarch?"

Rep. FORCE, of New Jersey, submitted the following resolutions, adopted by the Grand Encampment of New Jersey.

Resolved, That our Representative in the Grand Lodge of the United States be requested to oppose any legislation tending to the abolishment of the Degree of Rebekah.

Resolved, That he be also requested to use his best efforts to effect a change in the present Funeral Service.

Rep. FORCE, of New Jersey, presented the amended Constitution of the Grand Encampment of New Jersey, which was referred to the Committee on Constitutions.

Rep. RANSOM, of Kentucky, moved the following resolution, which was adopted :

Resolved, That *Past* Grand Representatives be allowed the privilege of admission into this Grand Lodge during secret session.

Rep. DOWDEN, of Kentucky, submitted the following, which was, on motion of Rep. BARRY, of Indiana, laid on the table:

The Representatives from Kentucky, in obedience to the request of the various Subordinate Lodges located in Lexington, Kentucky, respectfully and fraternally invite this R. W. Grand Lodge to hold their next Annual Communication in that city, assuring the Representatives, if the invitation be accepted, no pains or labor will be spared to make all comfortable and happy and their stay with us agreeable.

M. S. DOWDEN,
A. H. RANSOM,
J. W. VENABLE,
M. J. DURHAM,
Reps. Ky.

Rep. BARRY, of Indiana, moved the following resolution, which was referred to the Committee on the State of the Order:

Resolved, That the accompanying chart, purporting to be a diploma for lady members of the Degree of Rebekah, having a *fac simile* of the seal of the Grand Lodge of the United States attached thereto, be referred to the Committee on the State of the Order, to inquire if such document is not in violation of the laws of the Order, and, if so, to report whether existing legislation is sufficient to suppress the circulation of such interdicted docu-

ment, and to prevent the use of an impression of the seal of this Grand Body, designed to give validity thereto, especially when said document emanates from a member of the Order.

Rep. VEITCH, (P. G. Sire,) of Missouri, moved the following resolution, which was referred to the Committee on Finance:

Resolved, That the Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary be and he is hereby requested to compile and publish, in one volume, with appropriate title, the form for Public Installation, form for Funeral Procession and Funeral Service, form for Laying Corner Stones, and form for Dedicating Halls, together with such other forms prescribed by the Grand Lodge of the United States as in the judgment of the Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary may be proper and expedient.

Rep. MAURO, of Missouri, moved the following resolution:

Resolved, That Past and Acting Grand Masters and Past and Acting Grand Patriarchs be permitted to remain in the Grand Lodge during its secret sessions, they being in possession of the necessary qualifications and having taking the necessary degrees.

On motion of Rep. HAVENNER, of District of Columbia, the resolution was laid on the table.

Rep. WILLARD, of Illinois, presented the amended Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Illinois, which was referred to the Committee on Constitutions.

Rep. WILLARD, of Illinois, moved the following resolution, which was referred to the Legislative Committee:

Resolved, That whenever in the judgment of a State Grand Body it has become impossible to revive a defunct Subordinate because the number of those to whom the charter might be returned by existing laws has been reduced below five by the death or non-residence of such members, or by their acceptance of cards and their obtaining of membership in other Subordinates, it shall be lawful for the Grand Body at its discretion to give the name, number, charter, and effects of such defunct Subordinate to a sufficient number of brothers resident in the same town or city who were at any time members of the said defunct Subordinate.

Rep. COLEMAN, of Tennessee, submitted the following proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Tennessee, which were referred to the Legislative Committee:

P. G. Master Raworth moved that the next session of this Grand Lodge be held at Memphis, and that the Grand Representatives to the Grand Lodge of the United States ask that Right Worthy Grand Body to allow the same; motion adopted.

P. G. Weakley submitted the following resolutions:

Resolved, That this Grand Lodge is adverse to the adoption of the proposed revision of the work of the Order, believing the same is not such revision of work as the necessities of the Order require.

Resolved, That while this Grand Lodge is not, nor does she wish to be understood as opposed to a revision, we express the above opinion.

Resolved, That our Grand Representatives to the Grand Lodge of the United States be requested to present the above resolutions to the Grand Lodge of the United States at its next session.

Rep. ENHOLM, of Alabama, laid on the table the following amendment to the Constitution:

Resolved, That section I. of article III. of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of the United States be amended by striking out the word "biennially" where it occurs in said section, and inserting in lieu thereof the words "once in every four years."

Rep. KINGSBURY, of Maine, laid on the table the following amendment to the Constitution:

Resolved, That article XIV. section II. of the Constitution of this Grand Body be amended by striking out the words "seventy five" and inserting "fifty."

BENJ. KINGSBURY, JR., *Grand Lodge of Maine.*
C. K. LADD, *Grand Lodge of Maine.*
W. C. BECKETT, *Grand Encampment of Maine.*
F. M. FOSTER, *Grand Lodge of Michigan.*
B. W. DENNIS, *Grand Encampment of Michigan.*
WILLIAM OAKES, *Michigan.*
J. G. MARTIN, *South Carolina.*
S. A. ENHOLM, *Alabama.*
ALEX. McKINSTRY, *Alabama.*
R. B. MAYES, *Mississippi.*

Rep. DAVIS, of New Hampshire, moved the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That a committee of five be appointed upon the unfinished business of the last session of the Grand Lodge.

Rep. DENNIS, of Michigan, submitted the amended Constitution of the Grand Encampment of Michigan, which was referred to the Committee on Constitutions:

Rep. MACK, of Wisconsin, moved the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That a bound copy of the Journal and Digest of this Grand Lodge be presented to each Officer and Representative who has not previously received the same.

Rep. MACK, of Wisconsin, moved the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to revise the Charge Books in the German language, and report the result of their labor for consideration and action at the next meeting of the Grand Lodge.

On motion of Rep. TERWILLIGER, of New York, the resolution just adopted was reconsidered.

The question recurring on the adoption of the resolution of Rep. MACK, of Wisconsin, to appoint a committee to revise the German Charge Books, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Rep. MACK, of Wisconsin, moved the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That this Grand Lodge will hold a secret session at 3 o'clock today, to receive the report of the Grand Secretary on the Secret Work and Photographic Diagrams.

Rep. MACK, of Wisconsin, moved the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary be instructed to forward to each member of this Grand Lodge ten copies of the Revised Journal of this Annual Session.

Rep. MACK, of Wisconsin, moved the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary forward to each member of this Grand Lodge the balance of the reports and daily journals to which they are entitled under resolutions passed at this session.

Rep. LEECH, of Iowa, moved the following, which was referred to the Legislative Committee:

Whereas the present system of using the Charge and Degree Books in delivering lectures to candidates, at initiation and other times, is working serious injury to the efficiency of officers of Subordinate Lodges; therefore,

Resolved, That the Legislative Committee be instructed to consider and report upon the expediency of dispensing entirely with the Charge and Degree Books in Subordinate Lodges, and making the entire work unwritten.

Rep. DANNALS, of California, submitted the following proceeding of the Grand Lodge of California, which was referred to the Legislative Committee:

Resolved, That our R. W. Grand Representatives to the next session of the Grand Lodge of the United States be instructed to urge in that body legislation providing that, in those jurisdictions wherein a representative system for membership of Grand Lodges has been adopted, the power to vote for Grand officers shall be confined to such representatives.

Rep. WOODYATT, of Canada West, moved the following resolution, which was referred to the Legislative Committee:

Resolved, That our Representative to the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States be instructed to submit, for the consideration of that body, the propriety of an alteration in its name, changing it from the "Grand Lodge of the United States" to that of the R. W. Grand Lodge of America.

Rep. WOODYATT, of Canada West, moved the following resolution, which was referred to the Legislative Committee:

Resolved, That the Legislative Committee inquire into the expediency of permitting the Grand Lodge now known as "Canada West" to change the name of said Grand Body to that of the "Grand Lodge of Ontario," the same being in accordance with the request of the Grand Lodge of Canada West.

Rep. LOGAN, of Kansas, moved to amend the By-Laws as follows, which was laid on the table for one day, under the rule:

Resolved, That articl IV. of the by-laws be amended by adding the following to the concluding sentence:

Provided, That nothing contained in this article shall operate to prevent the Grand Lodge from entertaining and granting, or instructing the Grand Sire to grant in the recess, the application for a Grand Charter to any less number of Lodges or Encampments, who may regularly petition therefor and accompany the petition with reasons which shall be deemed satisfactory for such grant by two-thirds of the members of the Grand Lodge at any regular session.

Rep. LOGAN, of Kansas, submitted the following memorial from the Lodges in Colorado, which was ordered to be spread upon the Journal:

To the Most Worthy Grand Sire, Officers, and members of the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States of America, I. O. O. F.:

The undersigned, Past Grands and Subordinate Lodges of Colorado Territory, would respectfully represent that the best interests of our Order unmistakably call for the institution of a Grand Lodge in Colorado Territory. We therefore, approach you with this memoral, and endeavor to set forth some reasons why we should have a Grand Lodge, and respectfully ask you to change your By-Laws or suspend the rules to enable us to petition for a Grand Charter.

Since your enactment of the present By-Laws bearing upon this point, "the formation of Grand Bodies," there has, probably, no parallel case with us existed "within your jurisdiction." We are six hundred miles distant from any Grand Lodge, and, of course, could not be attached to any existing Grand Lodge with any practical good results to us.

There can be no doubt as to the future of Colorado. Her vast agricultural and mineral resources, and unsurpassed pastoral character, with the Union Pacific R. R. and the U. R. R. Eastern Division passing through and forming a junction within our Territory, will, of course, settle up the country and build up towns in the agricultural portions thereof, and make us a wealthy and prosperous community. To-day we pay more internal revenue than the State of Nevada and perhaps of Nebraska and Minnesota. In the year 1866 the receipts of Lodges One and Two of Colorado were $4,880.73, while that of Nebraska was $2,027.72, and Minnesota $2,950.94, and others not far above that sum. In order to be self-supporting we are compelled to adopt a very high grade of fees and dues, consequently, our dues to the G. L. U. S. are enormous—far exceeding that of any State Grand Body, and being more than amply sufficient to cover the expenses of a Grand Lodge. This year our four Lodges will probably pay you from ..... to ..... hundred dollars dues, which will be more than that of any Grand Lodge with their four Representatives on your floor.

We have belonging to our four Lodges twenty-three Past Grands, several

of whom have been members of their State Grand Bodies before they came to this Territory. Besides there are quite a number in our vicinity who are non-affiliating, who would no doubt procure cards and join with us if we had a Grand Lodge. The Masonic Fraternity have had a Grand Lodge here for six years, and are esteemed by the public as a permanent institution, because they have a fountain head in our midst. Consequently many persons join them because they think them more permanently established than we are. We would therefore respectfully suggest to you that it is neither reasonable nor wise, nor within your intention, to clog the wheels of Odd-Fellowship in Colorado with a general law enacted without expectation of so great an exception as ours, and also that it is not justice for us to pay so much money into your treasury without representation. Hence we send you this memorial, praying that you will either amend your By-Laws, or adopt a special law for our benefit, granting us the legal right to petition your R. W. Grand Body for a charter for a Grand Lodge in Colorado. Your petitioners would further represent that if you will grant us a charter for a Grand Lodge in Colorado, we will pay the usual fee, and will not ask mileage for our Grand Representative until we shall have attained the constitutional number of Lodges to entitle us to a Grand Lodge under your Constitution and By-Laws.

Respectfully and fraternally submitted, in Friendship, Love, and Truth,

For Union Lodge, No. 1:

H. C. CLARK, P. G.,
FRED. J. STANTON, P. G.,
JABEZ H. VANDEVENTER, P. G.,
R. G. BUCKINGHAM, D. D. G. S.,
ALLEN B. SOPRIS, P. G.,
JOHN CHAMORD, P. G.,
C. P. ELDER, P. G.,
H. H. GRILL, P. G.

For Rocky Mountain Lodge, No. 2:

JAMES M. FOWLER, P. G.,
HENRY E. HYATT, P. G.,
JOHN W. RATLIFF, P. G.,
C. NUCKOLLS, P. G.,
HENRY GARBUNATTO, P. G.,
JOHN L. SCHILLINGER, P. G.

For Colorado Lodge, No. 3:

HERMANN H. HEISER, P. G.,
J. MILLS, P. G.

For Denver Lodge, No. 4:

LAMELL BUTTRICK, P. G
P. P. WILCOX, P. G.,
R. L. HATTON, P. G.,
ORMO KENT, P. G.
JOHN H. JAY, P. G.,
RUFUS K. FRISBEE, P. G.

By order of Union Lodge, No. 1, I. O. O. F., we hereunto subscribe our names and affix the seal of our Lodge, this 29th day of July, A. D. 1867.

ROBERT S. WILSON, N. G.,
P. P. HAMILTON, R. S.

By order of Rocky Mountain Lodge, No. 2., I. O. O. F., we hereunto subscribe our names and affix the seal of our Lodge this .... day of .... A. D. 1867.

.....N. G.
GEORGE WIRTH, R. S.

By order of Colorado Lodge, No. 3, I. O. O. F., we hereunto subscribe our names and affix the seal of our Lodge, this day .... of ...., A. D. 1867.

HERMANN H. HEISER, N. G.,
W. HILLIARD, R. S.

By order of Denver Lodge, No. 4, I. O. O. F., we hereunto subscribe our names and affix the seal of our Lodge this 27th day of July, A. D. 1867.

HENRY A. CLOUGH, N. G.,
JOHN E. FORCE, R. S.

Rep. SABINE, of Nevada, moved the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That there be granted to the jurisdiction of Nevada the right to readmit to membership within that jurisdiction all suspended members residing within the jurisdiction who may have been suspended for non-payment of dues, and such members of defunct Lodges as may not be able to procure proper cards or other vouchers.

The hour of three o'clock having arrived, the Lodge resolved itself into secret session, pursuant to the order to that effect.

After sometimes passed in secret session the Lodge closed therein, and resumed its ordinary business.

Rep. FITZHUGH, of Virginia, laid on the table the following amendment to the Constitution:

Amend section III. article I. of the Constitution by striking out the words "except in the State of New York, where by law there are now chartered two Grand Lodges and two Grand Encampments."

EDW. H. FITZHUGH, *Rep. Virginia*,
T. B. McCARTY, *Rep. Indiana*,
W. L. HYLAND, *Rep. West Virginia*.

Rep. ELLIS, from the committee to whom was referred the reports of the Grand Sire and Grand Secretary, for the purpose of distributing to appropriate committees the several subjects therein referred to, made the following report, which was adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The special committee to whom was referred the Reports of the R. W. Grand Sire and Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary, for the purpose of distributing the several subjects embraced in said reports to the appropriate committees, ask leave to submit the following as a partial report:

That so much of the report of the Grand Sire as refers to the condition of the Southern Jurisdictions, and recommends the extension of pecuniary aid to those jurisdictions in the form of loans, be referred to the Finance Committee.

That so much as refers to the mission of Bro. FREDERIC D. STUART to the Lower Provinces and Canada East, and the report of that brother annexed to the Grand Sire's Report, be referred to a special committee.

That the several decisions of law made by the Grand Sire during the recess, and so much of the report as refers to the weekly benefits of Subordinate Lodges, be referred to the Committee on the State of the Order.

That so much as refers to the Degree of Rebekah, and recommends additional legislation to render said degree more popular and useful, be referred to the Legislative Committee.

That so much as refers to dispensations granted during the recess, be referred to the Committee on Petitions.

With regard to that part of the report of the Grand Sire which refers to the decease of Grand Representatives and Past Grand Representatives during the recess your committee presume that no special action on the part of this Grand Lodge is called for, as the whole subject is covered by resolutions heretofore passed, and found on pages 3215 and 3216 of the Revised Journal.

Your committee ask leave to hold the documents submitted to them for further examination and report.

F. A. ELLIS,
A. WALLACE HUNTER,
H. L. PAGE.

The Chair named the following as the committee provided for by the resolution of Rep. DAVIS, of New Hampshire.

Committee on Unfinished Business.—Reps. DAVIS, of New Hampshire, LADD, of Maine, HIDE, of Tennessee, BURTON, of Iowa, MCCLELLAND, of California.

The hour of 3½ o'clock, fixed for adjournment, having arrived, the Chair declared the Lodge adjourned until to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock.

TUESDAY, September 17, 1867—9 o'clock A. M.

The R. W. Grand Lodge assembled pursuant to adjournment. Present:

JAMES P. SANDERS.....M. W. Grand Sire.
E. D. FARNSWORTH.....R. W. Deputy Grand Sire.
JAMES L. RIDGELY.....R. W. Grand Cor. and Rec. Secretary.
JOSHUA VANSANT.....R. W. Grand Treasurer.
REV. I. D. WILLIAMSON.....R. W. Grand Chaplain.
JOHN S. HEISS.....R. W. Grand Marshal.
JOHN P. FOSS.....R. W. Grand Guardian.
JOHN E. CHAMBERLAIN.....R. W. Grand Messenger.

And a Representation from a quorum of Grand Bodies.

Prayer by Rev. I. D. WILLIAMSON, R. W. Grand Chaplain.

The R. W. Deputy Grand Sire, having examined the Representatives, by order of the M. W. Grand Sire declared the Lodge open for business.

On motion of Rep. TERWILLIGER, of New York, the reading of the Journal of yesterday was dispensed with.

The Grand Secretary presented the appeal of a minority of the Grand Lodge of Maryland against the decision of said Grand Body, which was referred to the Committee on Appeals.

Rep. DOWDEN, from the Committee on Constitutions, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

Your Committee on Constitutions have examined the amendment to the Constitution of the Grand Encampment of Ohio, adopted May 8th, 1867, and recommend its approval, and append the following:

Resolved, That the amendment to the Constitution of the Grand Encampment of Ohio, above referred to, be approved.

Respectfully submitted.

M. S. DOWDEN,
DANL. FITHIAN,
B. W. DENNIS,
J. F. DRISCOL,
R. B. MAYES.

Rep. DOWDEN, from the Committee on Constitutions, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

Your Committee on Constitutions have examined the amendment to the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Illinois, and recommend its approval, and offer the following:

Resolved, That the amendment to the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Illinois, above referred to, be approved. Respectfully submitted.

M. S. DOWDEN,
R. B. MAYES,
B. W. DENNIS,
DANL. FITHIAN,
J. F. DRISCOL.

Rep. DOWDEN, from the Committee on Constitutions, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

Your Committee on Constitutions, to whom was referred the constitution of Union Lodge, No. 1, I. O. O. F., of Colorado Territory, report that they have carefully examined the same and find all therein to be in accordance with the laws of the Order, and submit the following for approval:

Resolved, That the Constitution of Union Lodge, No. 1, of the Territory of Colorado, herewith presented, be and the same is hereby approved.

M. S. DOWDEN,
DANL. FITHIAN,
J. F. DRISCOL,
B. W. DENNIS,
R. B. MAYES.

Rep. DOWDEN, from the Committee on Constitutions, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

Your Committee on Constitutions have examined the amendments to the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Oregon, and recommend their approval. and append the following:

Resolved, That the amendments to the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Oregon, above referred to, be approved.

Respectfully submitted.

M. S. DOWDEN,
DANL. FITHIAN,
J. F. DRISCOL,
B. W. DENNIS,
R. B. MAYES,

The Chair announced the appointment of the following committee:

Special Committee on Mission of Commissioner Fred. D. Stuart to Canada East, British Possessions.—Rep. FITZHUGH, of Virginia; VEITCH, of Missouri, and P. G. Sire ELLISON, of Massachusetts.

The R. W. Grand Treasurer submitted his Annual Report, as follows, which was referred to the Committee on Finance:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

I have the honor to submit my Annual Report for the year commencing on the 19th day of September, 1866, and ending on the 16th of September inclusive, 1867, exhibiting the present financial condition of the Grand Lodge and the receipts and disbursements on its account proper for the period indicated.

DR. GRAND TREASURER, VIZ.

1866. Sept. 18.	To cash balance this date, as per report of the Finance Committee, Journal of 1866	$18,894 86	
" Nov. 10.	To six months' interest in gold on $8000 of United States Bonds	240 00	
" " "	To premium on the above in currency, at 45½ per cent	109 20	
1867. May 7.	To six months' interest on $8000 of United States Bonds, in gold	240 00	
" " "	To premium on the above, in currency, at 37 per cent	88 80	
1866. Aug. 27.	To Grand Lodge of Mississippi, payment of its note, as per report of Finance Committee, page 3971 of the Journal of Grand Lodge for 1866	150 00	
" " "	To Grand Encampment of Mississippi, in payment of its note, as per report of same tenor, date, &c.	75 00	
" Sept. 5.	To cash returned by Grand Rep. F. D. Stuart, being so much unexpended by him of the sum paid to him on 9th July, 1867, to defray the expenses of his mission to Lower Provinces of British North America and Canada East, as per resolution of the Grand Lodge of 1866, page 3995 of Journal	210 00	
" " "	To cash from Grand Secretary J. L. Ridgely, from 19th September, 1866, to September 16th inclusive, 1867	28,547 89	
267	Total		$48,555 75

CR. GRAND TREASURER, VIZ.

1866. Sept.			By this sum paid to Grand Officers and Grand Representatives, who were in attendance at the session of the Lodge in 1866, on account of mileage and per diem, as per vouchers herewith submitted, and in accordance with the report of Committee on Mileage and Per Diem of that year, pages 4018–19–20–21 of the Journal.....	$11,849 50
1866. Sept.	21.	No. 103.	James Terwilliger, for mileage and per diem, as a member of the Committee on Revision.....	44 90
"	"	" No. 107.	Grand Sire I. M. Veitch, postage account for two years.....	45 75
"	"	" No. 108.	Grand Sire I. M. Veitch, for five days' services on the Committee on Revision.....	25 00
"	"	" No. 108.	Grand Rep. F. D. Stuart, four days' services, same account.....	20 00
"	"	" No. 108.	Grand Chaplain I. D. Williamson, one day's services, same account.....	5 00
"	"	22. No. 109.	Grand Treasurer J. Vansant, for stamp on bond and check stamps.....	3 60
"	"	" No. 111.	W. Wales & Co., advertising printing proposals.....	35 00
"	"	" No. 112.	J. F. Schweitzer, services as Janitor...	30 00
"	"	25. No. 113.	D. A. Woodward, portrait of P. G. Sire Boylston.....	90 00
"	"	27. No. 114.	S. Oliver, gilt frame for portrait of P. G. Sire Boylston.....	30 00
"	"	" No. 115.	Harnden's Express, transportation of portrait of P. G. Sire Boylston to South Carolina.....	6 00
"	Oct.	4. No. 116.	Thomas & Co., brokers, for $4000 of United States 5-20 coupon bonds, in four bonds of $1000 each, purchased in pursuance of the resolution of the Grand Lodge, of September 20th, 1866. Bonds numbered respectively, 8718, 124,379, 8699, 120,250, and bought at a premium of 9¼ per cent.	4370 00
"	"	13. No. 117.	S. Oliver, repairing Memorial frame....	3 00
"	"	17. No. 118.	Jas. Young, printing Daily Journal, &c.	538 09
"	Nov.	5. No. 119.	Grand Messenger J. E. Chamberlain, Express freight, postage, &c.....	57 96
"	"	8. No. 120.	Ryan & Ricketts, stereotyping Journal of 1865.....	116 65
"	"	" No. 121.	Insurance of Grand Lodge furniture, books, &c.....	11 05
"	"	22. No. 122.	Jas. Young, paper for revised Journal,	1232 00
"	"	27. No. 123.	S. Oliver, tablets for portraits of P. G. Sires.....	49 00
"	Dec.	1. No. 124.	G. Secretary J. L. Ridgely, three months' services.....	500 00
"	"	" No. 125.	Grand Messenger J. E. Chamberlain, three months' services.....	350 00
"	"	" No. 125.	Grand Messenger, postage, freight, &c.	10 42
"	"	13. No. 126.	E. Sandys, on account of printing cards,	100 00
"	"	15. No. 127.	James Young, printing work of the Order, &c.....	651 75
1867. Jan.		5. No. 128.	E Sandys, printing Cards.....	267 50

1867. Jan.	11.	No. 129.	Grand Messenger J. E. Chamberlain, packing cases, freight, &c.....	80 34
" Feb.	5.	No. 130.	James Young, on account printing Revised Journal.....	1000 00
" "	13.	No. 130.	James Young, printing Revised Journal, Charge Books, &c.....	764 71
" "	19.	No. 131.	E. Sandys, printing Cards.....	262 50
" Mar.	1.	No. 132.	Grand Secretary J. L. Ridgely, three months' services.....	500 00
" "	"	No. 133.	Grand Messenger J. E. Chamberlain, three months' services.....	350 00
" "	"	No. 133.	Grand Messenger J. E. Chamberlain, freight, postage, &c.....	11 19
" "	14.	No. 134.	D. A. Woodward, portrait of D. G. Sire E. H. Fitzhugh.....	150 00
" "	20.	No. 135.	S. Oliver, gilt frame for same.....	35 00
" April	17.	No. 136.	R. M. Swander, preparing written proceedings in reference to the memory of P. G. Rep. John J. Davies.....	25 00
" "	"	No. 137.	R. M. Swander, same service.....	14 60
" June	1.	No. 138.	Grand Secretary James L. Ridgely, three months' services.....	500 00
" "	"	No. 139.	Grand Messenger J. E. Chamberlain, three months' services.....	350 00
" "	"	No. 139.	Grand Messenger J. E. Chamberlain, freight, postage, &c.....	52 61
" "	8.	No. 140.	G. F. Lewis, printing Diplomas, &c....	105 86
" July	2.	No. 141.	E. Sandys, printing Cards.....	88 75
" "	"	No. 142.	J. Young, printing circulars, books, &c.	583 00
" "	9.	No. 143.	Grand Rep. F. D. Stuart, for defraying his expenses as Commissioner of G. Lodge to visit the Lower Provinces of British North America, &c.....	500 00
" "	"	No. 144.	Grand Rep. F. D. Stuart, diagrams of work of the Order.....	174 52
" Aug.	21.	No. 145.	Grand Lodge of Maryland, rent of Grand Secretary's office, &c.....	275 00
" Sept.	2.	No. 146.	Grand Secretary J. L. Ridgely, three months' services.....	500 00
" "	"	No. 147.	Grand Messenger J. E. Chamberlain, three months' services.....	350 00
" "	"	No. 147.	Grand Messenger J. E. Chamberlain, freight, postage, &c.....	32 31
" "	3.	No. 148.	J. W. Bond & Co., stationery.....	285 15
" "	9.	No. 149.	James Young, Charge Books, &c.....	329 88
" "	"	No. 150.	J. F. Schwitzer, repairing and painting chests.....	4 50
" "	"	No. 151.	Thos. Harryman, hauling desks	15 00
" Oct.	1.	No. 152.	Grand Treasurer J. Vansant, for check and draft stamps.....	2 95
" "	13.	No. 153.	Joshua Vansant, G. Treasurer, twelve months' salary.....	400 00
" "	12.	No. 154.	New York and Baltimore Transportation Company, for freight on desks from Baltimore to New York.....	58 50
			Total disbursements.....	$28,243 54
			Cash balance.....	20,312 21
				$48,555 75

ASSETS OF THE GRAND LODGE.

Cash balance, as above	$20,312	21
4 U. S. 5-20 registered bonds of $1000 each, par value,	4000	00
4 U. S. 5-20 coupon bonds of $1000 each, par value	4000	00
Note of the Grand Lodge of South Carolina of September, 1865, payable two years after date	150	00
Note of the Grand Encampment of South Carolina, same tenor and date	75	00
Note of the Grand Lodge of Georgia, dated June 8, 1866, payable one day after date	150	00
Note of the Grand Encampment of Georgia, June 9, 1866, same tenor	75	00
Total assets		$28,762 21

From the foregoing statement it will be perceived that the revenue from the ordinary sources for the year just closed was $28,547.89, being an increase over the preceding year of $1528.72. The receipts from all sources for the year (exclusive of the sum returned by Grand Representative F. D. Stuart) were $29,450.89, being an excess over and above the gross receipts of the year ending September, 1866, of $2268.52.

The expenses of the year, exclusive of the sum paid for mileage and per diem of the Grand Officers and Grand Representatives who were in attendance at the session of 1866, and exclusive also of the investment made in United States 5-20 Bonds, ($4370,) were $11,814.04, which exceeded the expenses of the year ending September, 1866, in the sum of $2263.63.

In pursuance of the resolution of the Grand Lodge of the date of September 20th, 1866, I purchased on its account four United States 5-20 Coupon Bonds of $1000 each, at a premium of 9¼ per cent., which required an investment of $4370.

The cash balance in the Treasury at the date of this report is, as may be perceived, $20,312.21, being $1417.35 greater than the cash balance at the commencement of the year. The Grand Lodge, however, at its last session appropriated $1000 for the relief of certain Southern Jurisdictions, which appropriation the Grand Secretary has not yet drawn from the Treasury for the reasons stated in his report to the Grand Lodge at its present session.

Deducting this last named sum from the balance above shown, it will still leave a cash balance in the Treasury of $19,312.21, Unless, therefore, the sum required for mileage and per diem at the present session should to a considerable extent exceed the amount paid for the same account in 1866, or the Grand Lodge should either appropriate larger sums than usual for the current expenses thereof, or lessen its revenue by reduction of the charges for supplies, or by a diminution of the representative tax, there will remain in the Treasury during the entire current year a cash balance of not less than $4000.

REPORT ON WILDEY MONUMENT ACCOUNT.

Herewith I also present an exhibit of the state of the Wildey Monument Fund, and the receipts and disbursements on that account since the report of the Committee on Finance on that subject, to be found on page 3970 of the Journal of 1866.

DR. GRAND TREASURER, VIZ.

1866. Sept. 19. To cash balance, as per report of Finance Committee of this date, page 3970, Journal of Grand Lodge of 1866	$	13 90
" " 18. To this sum from Grand Lodge United States in exchange for $2000 of United States 5-20 Bonds, at 11 per cent. premium, said bonds		

		being part of the assets of the Wildey Monument Fund, and were transferred to credit of Grand Lodge as per resolution of September 17, 1866, page 3936 of Revised Journal.....	$2220 00
1866. Nov.	10.	To six months' interest, in gold, on $2000 of U. States 5-20 Bonds.....	60 00
" "	"	Premium on above, in currency, at 45½ per cent.	27 30
1867. May	7.	To six months' interest on $2000 United States Bonds.....	60 00
" "	"	Premium on above, in currency, at 37 per cent..	22 20
		To this sum received from Grand Secretary J. L. Ridgely, from September 18th, 1866 to 1867, September 16th inclusive.....	158 66
			$2562 06

CR. VIZ.

1866. Sept.	22.	No. 1. Bevan & Sons, for marble tiling Monum't.	$960 00
" "	"	No. 2. G. H. Pagels, iron railing Monument.....	872 00
" Oct.	27.	No. 3. J. E. Eschbach, paving carriage way.....	341 30
1867. Aug.	20.	No. 4. J. F. Schweitzer, for taking care of Monument for six months, ending July 1, 1867.....	25 00
" "	"	No. 5. J. F. Schweitzer, for lock for railing.....	1 50
" "	"	No. 6. G. H. Pagels, hasp for railing.....	2 00
			$2201 80
		Cash balance.....	360 26
			$2562 06

ASSETS OF WILDEY MONUMENT ACCOUNT, VIZ.

United States 5-20 Registered Bonds, 1st series, two of $1000 each, par value.....	$2000 00	
Cash balance as above.....	360 26	
Total.....		$2360 26

SOUTHERN JURISDICTIONS' RELIEF ACCOUNT.

1867. Sept.	16.	This sum received from Grand Secretary James L. Ridgely, from September 20, 1866, to September 16 inclusive, 1867, contributed by State Grand Lodges and Encampments, under the resolution of the Grand Lodge of the United States of September 20, 1866, page 3996 of the Revised Journal.....	$11,195 00

Fraternally,

JOSHUA VANSANT, *Grand Treasurer.*

Rep. COLEMAN, of Tennessee, from the Committee on Credentials, made the following report, which was adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

Your Committee on Credentials have had the certificates of the following brothers referred to them, which they find correct, and recommend they be admitted to seats in this R. W. Grand Body.

P. G. JOHN MATHESON, Lower Provinces B. N. A.; P. G. M. HENRY B. ANDREWS, Galveston, Texas; P. C. P. THOS. M. JOSEPHS, Galveston, Texas.

THOS. C. COLEMAN,
CRIS TAYLOR,
JOHN W. CARTER,
WM. L. HYLAND,
ROYAL G. MILLARD.

Rep. GAREY, of Maryland, from the Legislative Committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

Your Legislative Committee have considered the matter referred to them from the Grand Lodge of Tennessee, asking that that Grand Body be allowed to hold its next session at Memphis. We find that article IV. section I. of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Tennessee provides that its sessions shall be held in the city of Nashville. This Grand Lodge decided in 1852, confirming a decision of the Grand Sire, that when "the place of meeting of State Grand Bodies is fixed by a constitutional provision or by a by-law, the only manner of removing the body is by an alteration of the constitution or by-law which fixes its location." (Journal, page 1897.) As the law stands, the sessions of the Grand Lodge of Tennessee are fixed by a law which that body can itself change. Your committee think it not within the power of this Grand Lodge to interfere by any special legislation with the legally adopted and approved Constitution of a State Grand Body. We offer the appended resolution:

Resolved, That it is not proper to grant the request of the Grand Lodge of Tennessee.

Respectfully submitted.

HENRY F. GAREY,
EDW. H. FITZHUGH,
J. ALEXANDER SIMPSON,
SAMUEL WILLARD.

Rep. GAREY, of Maryland, from the Legislative Committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Legislative Committee, to whom so much of the Grand Sire's Report as alludes to the Degree of Rebekah has been referred, beg leave to report, that inasmuch as the question of the repeal of the law establishing this degree has been referred, by the session of 1866, to this session of the Grand Lodge, and as no action has yet been taken on the subject, and it is uncertain whether the degree will be abolished or not, the committee after much deliberation, respectfully submit that under existing circumstances legislation of the important character suggested by the M. W. Grand Sire is at present inexpedient. The pressure of business upon this committee during the brief session of this body forbids them from giving the time to the consideration of the subject which is necessary to perfect the legislation suggested. And the committee therefore recommend that, if it be the pleasure of the Grand Lodge to continue the degree, and to adopt further measures

to perfect it, the same be referred to a special committee to report at the next session.

In regard to the want of uniformity in the recognition or reception of this work by the several jurisdictions, also alluded to by the M. W. Grand Sire, the committee are of opinion that, as this degree was originally adopted as a mere side degree or privilege, and is not an integral part of the work of the Order, (see Digest, p. 147,) its reception ought not to be made compulsory upon those jurisdictions that are unwilling to receive it.

Respectfully submitted.

HENRY F. GAREY,
EDW. H. FITZHUGH,
THOMAS T. SMILEY,
J. ALEXANDER SIMPSON,
SAMUEL WILLARD.

Rep. GAREY, of Maryland, from the Legislative Committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Legislative Committee, to which was referred the resolution of Rep. WILLARD, of Illinois, on the subject of resuscitation of defunct Lodges, beg leave to report that upon investigation they find that the law providing for reviving extinct Subordinate Bodies is differently understood in the various jurisdictions, which difference of interpretation has seriously affected the action of Grand Bodies in the good work of restoring such Subordinates to active participation in the work of the Order, and, believing that some general rule should be adopted on the subject, they submit the following resolution for adoption:

Resolved, That whenever, in the judgment of a State Grand Body, it may be expedient, it shall be lawful to allow a Lodge or Encampment to be resuscitated upon the application of five of the former members of the Lodge, or seven of the former members of the Encampment, as the case may be, and to give the name, charter, and effects of such defunct Subordinates to such applicants. *Provided*, that the petitioners, at the time of their application shall not be connected with any other Subordinate Lodge or Encampment.

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY F. GAREY,
EDW. H. FITZHUGH,
THOMAS T. SMILEY,
J. ALEXANDER SIMPSON,
SAMUEL WILLARD.

Rep. GAREY, of Maryland, from the Legislative Committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

Your Legislative Committee have considered the resolutions of Rep. LEECH, of Iowa, (Journal, 4133,) respecting the use of books in the work of the Order. We believe that the subject is one for the legislation of State Grand Bodies; and, while we recognize the desirableness of the end proposed, we consider it inexpedient to make any general law on the subject.

Respectfully submitted.

HENRY F. GAREY,
EDW H. FITZHUGH,
THOMAS T. SMILEY
J. ALEXANDER SIMPSON,
SAMUEL WILLARD.

Rep. LAMBERTON, of Pennsylvania, from the Committee on Appeals, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Appeals, to whom was referred the appeal of P. G. M. STINSON from the Grand Lodge of Oregon, respectfully report:

That an amendment to the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Oregon was adopted at its annual session in 1866, by which provision was made for the creation of a Legislative Committee. Before it was approved by the Grand Lodge of the United States, a Legislative Committee was appointed under that amendment, at the session of 1867 of the Grand Lodge of Oregon. P. G. M. STINSON raised the question whether that committee had a legal existence. This question was ruled affirmatively by the M. W. Grand Master, and his ruling was sustained by the Grand Lodge, and from this action the appeal is taken.

The Grand Lodge of the United States hath uttered no uncertain sound as to the law of this case. It has declared that "neither Constitutions of Subordinate Grand Bodies, nor amendments thereto, are binding until approved by the Grand Lodge of the United States." (Journal, 1030, 1058, 1151, 1289.) Until it received the sanction of this Grand Lodge, the amendment to the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Oregon was inoperative. The appointment of any committee under it was premature, and therefore the point made by P. G. M. STINSON was well taken.

Your committee therefore offer the following resolution for your adoption:

Resolved, That the decision of the Grand Lodge of Oregon, that a committee may be appointed under an amendment to the Constitution of that body not approved by the Grand Lodge of the United States, be reversed.

R. A. LAMBERTON,
BENJ. KINGSBURY, JR.
THOMAS G. STEELE,
A. WALLACE HUNTER,
WILLIAM THAYER.

Rep. TERWILLIGER, of New York, from the Committee on Finance, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Finance Committeee, to whom was referred the resolution of Rep. VEITCH, P. G. Sire, (page 4131,) in the words following:

Resolved, That the G. C. and R. Secretary be and is hereby requested to compile and publish in one volume, with appropriate title, the form for Public Installation, form for Funeral Procession and Funeral Service, form for Laying Corner Stones, form for Dedicating Halls, together with such other forms prescribed by the Grand Lodge of the United States as in the judgment of the G. C. and R. Secretary may be proper and expedient—

Recommend the adoption of the resolution. The volumes to be furnished to Jurisdictions and Lodges at $1.25, and when prepared the G. C. and R. Secretary to notify the several jurisdictions that said volumes are subject to order.

JAMES TERWILLIGER,
JOHN H. BAILEY,
C. A. LOGAN,
FRED'K BOTSFORD.

Rep. COLEMAN, of Tennessee. from the Committee on Credentials, made the following report, which was adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

Your Committee on Credentials have had referred to them the certificate of HARRY D. SCOTT, P. G. M., as a Representative to this R. W. Grand Body from the Grand Lodge of Indiana, by appointment. Find the same correct, and recommend he be admitted.

THOS. C. COLEMAN,
CRIS TAYLOR,
JOHN W. CARTER,
R. G. MILLARD.

Rep. LAMBERTON, of Pennsylvania, from the Committee on Appeals, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Appeals, to whom was referred the appeal of N. G. Marvin, from the action of Rocky Mountain Lodge, No. 2, Colorado Territory, expelling him for contempt, respectfully report:

That to any proper decisions of the questions presented, it is essentially necessary that all the dates and facts be set forth. These are then, briefly and succinctly as follows:

July 22, 1866. A committee of investigation was appointed on charges preferred against Bro. A. C. Marvin, N. G. What the charges were are not specified.

Aug. 2. The committee reported that, "owing to a deficiency in said charge," it was not sustained.

Aug. 9. The committee of investigation preferred charges against Bro. Marvin, which were referred to a special committee.

Aug. 16. The chairman of the special committee appointed "to take testimony of persons not belonging to the Order," produced certain sworn statements, exhibiting, if true, most gross negligence and culpable carelessness on the part of N. G. Marvin, in his custody of what should have been kept by him with most jealous care. The same evening "all of the committees of investigation were discharged."

Aug. 23. Another committee of investigation was appointed.

Aug. 30. The last committee reported charges, alleging (1) a grave dereliction of duty on the part of Bro. Marvin as N. G., in exposing to the uninitiated the work of the Order; (2) wronging a brother in a business transaction; (3) maliciously accusing to the Lodge a brother for theft. Of these charges the Secretary was directed to furnish Bro. Marvin with a copy; and, "on motion, Art. IV. Sec. 8 of the By-Laws was suspended in order to give Bro. Marvin notice of the charges preferred against him, and to appear and plead to said charges two weeks from" that date. And the Secretary was further directed to notify Bro. Marvin to appear before the committee of investigation on the second Wednesday thereafter, to be present at the examination of witnesses, and to furnish him with a list of them. And a committee was appointed to take the testimony of witnesses not belonging to the Order.

Sept. 13. A communication, dated Sept. 8th, was received by the Lodge from Bro. Marvin, written at his residence in Boulder city, acknowledging the receipt of the citation to appear before the Lodge to answer the charges, protesting his inability on account of ill health to go to Central city to answer, and enclosing a certificate, dated Sept. 6th, from a physician that he was unable to travel.

By a deposition attached to the appeal, it appears that on or about the 10th of Sept., Bro. Marvin was at Denver, 25 miles from his place of residence, not in bad health, but there, as he himself stated, on "a wedding spree." According to the judgment of the witness he was able to go to Central city if he pleased so to do. This fact, however, was not then known to the Lodge, for on Sept. 13th, the Lodge giving belief to Bro. Marvin's letter and the certificate accompanying it, indefinitely postponed the investigation of the case.

Oct. 4. The Secretary was ordered to notify Bro. Marvin to appear at the lodge-room two weeks thereafter.

Oct. 18. Another letter fron Bro. Marvin, dated at Valmont, Oct. 15, and enclosing another physician's certificate that he was under medical treatment, was received by the Lodge, and again the case was indefinitely postponed.

Oct. 25. Another letter from Bro. Marvin, dated Boulden city, Oct. 22, acknowledging the receipt of a notice from the Lodge addressed to him at Valmont, in reply to his last from that place, alleging his anxiety to have his case disposed of, asking a further continuance, asserting the falsity of the charges, and alleging circumstances over which he had no control as preventing his appearance. In the letter to which this was a reply expulsion for contempt was threatened. This communication was received and filed. The Lodge seems to have taken no further action at that time.

Nov. 22. The Secretary was instructed to notify Bro. Marvin to appear for trial on the 29th, and to notify the committee appointed to take testimony in the case. On that same day, as appears by the depositions accompanying the appeal, Bro. Marvin was in Central city, inquired of a member how to proceed with reference to the charges against him; was told that the members were out of all patience waiting for him to appear and have his trial, and was advised to appear at once; he answered, "that he would not appear at the Lodge, but would let the whole matter go by default, and then appeal to the Grand Lodge."

Nov. 29. The case was again postponed until the 6th Dec., and the Secretary was instructed to notify Bro. Marvin of the fact, and the committee appointed to take the testimony to appear at that time.

Dec. 6. In reply to the Secretary's notice, another letter, dated Dec. 4, was received from Bro. Marvin, complaining of inflammation of the eyes, enclosing another physician's certificate, and pronouncing the charge a fabrication, and telling the Lodge to act as they saw fit.

The Lodge again postponed the trial, fixing the 13th December for it, and instructing the Secretary, "to notify Bro. Marvin of the fact." It does not appear that any notice was given to Bro. Marvin in pursuance of this resolution of the Lodge.

Dec. 13. A preamble reciting that Bro. M. had been notified and wilfully failed to appear, and a resolution expelling him for contempt, were presented to the Lodge, and on motion were laid on the table for one week, and the Secretary once more instructed to notify Bro. M. to appear on the 20th and answer the charges against him. The committee on procuring testimony in the case reported progress, one of the committee was discharged, and another member appointed in his stead.

Dec. 14. Letters were sent to two different persons at Boulder city, containing the notices to Bro. Marvin to appear and answer before the Lodge on the 20th, and requesting that they be delivered to him. One of these notices was delivered to Bro. M. on the 20th, and the other on the 21st, both too late to enable him, if even disposed so to do, to go to Central city, a distance of thirty miles, over a mountainous road, in time for his trial.

Dec. 20. The Lodge, without proof of the service of either of these last notices, by an unanimous vote adopted a preamble reciting the frequent failures of Bro. M. to appear, and a resolution expelling him for contempt.

And from this action of the Lodge Bro. Marvin appeals, basing his appeal on two grounds:

1. That he was physically incapacitated.
2. That the notices were served upon him too late for him to appear.

To this case we have given our careful consideration, and we detail the facts because of the importance of the principles involved. That Bro. Marvin endeavored to shuffle out of the charges made against him, to evade a trial, and so to shirk a fair examination by the Lodge of what was alleged against him, is abundantly manifested. And it is equally clear that the patience of the Lodge was long-suffering, and was taxed to the utmost verge. But we must inquire whether the conclusion reached by the Lodge was arrived at in a regular and legitimate way. And the proceedings must be the more rigidly scanned when their result is the gravest and the highest punishment known to the Order—expulsion.

Before so rigorous a judgment be pronounced, there should be a careful and deliberate investigation. The course to be pursued is a plain one. Charges clearly setting forth the offence should be preferred. A copy of these, duly attested, should be furnished to the defendant, together with a like duly attested notice of the time and place of hearing. At such time, if by sickness or unavoidable occurrence the brother be prevented from appearing, this fact on being shown should give him a continuance of the case. That continuance ought to be to a day and place certain At the hearing he must have the right by himself or his counsel to meet and cross-examine all witnesses. No testimony against him, taken by any committee without notice to him, and in his absence, should be received. His right to be heard by his witnesses, and by himself or his counsel before condemnation, inheres in him as fully in Odd-Fellowship as before any other tribunal. This much we ought all to understand and act upon. A distinguished jurist has well said that the first trial on record began with a summons and hearing: "Adam, where art thou?" preceded the sentence and expulsion from Eden. And it is of expulsion we are now treating.

In the proceedings of Rocky Mountain Lodge, at the outset, we encounter irregularities and anomalies. A by-law is suspended on motion—a thing that cannot be done. A by-law can only be amended, modified, or repealed in the way designated by the code of by-laws itself. They are not intended to be so ephemeral as to be suspended or obliterated on a motion made and adopted on the same night of meeting.

A committee of investigation was appointed "to take the testimony of persons not members of the Order." No provision whatever seems to have been made for Bro. Marvin to be present when such testimony was taken. No notice ever seems to have been given him of the doings of that committee. Their investigation was, so far as we can discover, intended to be entirely *ex parte*, and the result of their inquisition was to be produced on the trial before the Lodge.

After due notice was given to the brother that a hearing was fixed for a certain day, and he was absent on account of ill health, it ought not to have been indefinitly postponed, but have been postponed until another time certain.

The foregoing comments apply especially as to the charges preferred originally against Bro. Marvin. But another aspect is given to the case when he fails to appear after having been duly notified. He interposed the plea of ill health, and thereby his inability to be present at the Lodge. It appears from the testimony that about four days after the date of one of his physician's certificates, about two days after his own letter saying that he could not travel, and three days before the day he was to appear before the Lodge, he was twenty-five miles away from home at a merry-making. From this fact, when made known, and from his own declaration afterwards, on 21st Nov., that he meant to let the case go by default and appeal to the Grand Lodge, it was evident that he was in contempt, and should have been been punished promptly therefor. But the Lodge, all the way through indulgent, waived their right to impose summary punishment for this contempt,

when on the 13th Dec. instructions were given to the Secretary to notify Bro. Marvin to be present on the 20th, and on that day, without service of notice in time, or any attempt to prove such notice, they proceeded to expel him. We canot infer that every thing was done properly and regularly when the statement, as presented by the Lodge, shows the fact to be otherwise. We therefore conclude, as to the points upon which this appeal was taken—

1. There was sufficient evidence to warrant the Lodge in believing that Bro. Marvin was able to be present on at least one occasion when he was notified to appear.

2. That the Lodge, by requiring the Secretary to give notice to Bro. Marvin to appear on the 20th Dec., which was not served in time to enable him to be present, improperly expelled him.

And hence we offer the following resolutions:

1. That the sentence of expulsion imposed upon Bro. Marvin be annulled, and he be reinstated to membership in Rocky Mountain Lodge.

2. That the Lodge proceed to dispose of the charges preferred against him.

R. A. LAMBERTON,
BENJ. KINGSBURY, Jr.,
THOMAS G. STEELE,
A. WALLACE HUNTER,
WILLIAM THAYER.

The hour of 9½ having arrived, fixed for the consideration of the reports of the majority and minority of the committee on the subject of non-beneficial membership, (pages 3956, 3934, Journal,) the Lodge proceeded to consider that special order.

The question being on the first resolution accompanying the majority report, as follows:

Resolved, That the several jurisdictions subordinate to this Grand Lodge are hereby authorized and recommended to provide such suitable legislation as may be requsite to enable working Lodges and Encampments to receive as non-beneficial members such members as may have been suspended for non-payment of dues, and for no other cause.

Rep. Garey, of Maryland, moved to amend by striking out all after the word "Resolved," and inserting as follows:

"That the several jurisdictions subordinate to this Grand Lodge are hereby authorized and recommended to provide such suitable legislation as may be requisite to enable working Lodges and Encampments to receive as non-beneficial members such members as may have been suspended for non-payment of dues, or who are Ancient Odd-Fellows."

The question being on the amendment,

Rep. Lamberton, of Pennsylvania, moved to amend by adding the following to the first resolution:

Provided, That such non-beneficial members shall not be eligible to office or entitled to vote in the Lodges or Encampments to which they may be admitted.

The question being on the amendment of Rep. Lamberton, of Pennsylvania,

Rep. THOMPSON, of Missouri, moved to indefinitely postpone the subject, which was resolved in the negative.

The question recurring on the amendment of Rep. LAMBERTON, of Pennsylvania,

Rep. BARRY, of Indiana, moved the previous question, which being seconded by the Lodge, the main question was ordered and put, as follows:

"Will the Lodge adopt the amendment of Rep. LAMBERTON, of Pennsylvania," which was resolved in the affirmative.

The question recurring on the amendment of Rep. GAREY, of Maryland, it was resolved in the negative.

The question now being on the original resolution accompanying the report of the majority of the committee, as amended by the amendment of Rep. LAMBERTON, of Pennsylvania, the yeas and nays were required.

When 12 o'clock, the hour fixed for adjournment by special order, having arrived, the Chair declared the Lodge adjourned until to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, September 18, 1867—9 o'clock A. M.

The R. W. Grand Lodge assembled pursuant to adjournment. Present:

JAMES P. SANDERS.....M. W. Grand Sire.
E. D. FARNSWORTH.....R. W. Deputy Grand Sire.
JAMES L. RIDGELY.....R. W. Grand Cor. and Rec. Secretary.
JOSHUA VANSANT.....R. W. Grand Treasurer.
REV. I. D. WILLIAMSON.....R. W. Grand Chaplain.
JOHN S. HEISS.....R. W. Grand Marshal.
JOHN P. FOSS.....R. W. Grand Guardian.
JOHN E. CHAMBERLAIN.....R. W. Grand Messenger.

And a Representation from a quorum of Grand Bodies.

Prayer by Rev. I. D. WILLIAMSON, R. W. Grand Chaplain.

The R. W. Deputy Grand Sire, having examined the Representatives, by order of the M. W. Grand Sire declared the Lodge open for business.

On motion of Rep. LEECH, of Iowa, the reading of the Journal of yesterday was dispensed with.

The Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary submitted his supplemental report, as follows, which was referred to the Committee on Finance:

SUPPLEMENTARY STATEMENT *of Receipts of Grand Secretary after the close of the Annual Report, up to and including September* 16, 1867.

GRAND LODGES.	Cards.	Books.	Odes.	Diplomas.	Miscellaneous.	Representative Tax.	Total.
New York	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	$150 00	$160 00
New Jersey	$100 00	$153 00	$30 00	$10 00	.....	150 00	443 00
Nevada	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	75 00	75 00
Wisconsin	60 00	176 00	10 00	.....	.....	.....	246 00
Pennsylvania	.....	55 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	55 00
West Virginia	.....	6 00	11 00	.....	.....	.....	17 00
Tennessee	180 00	192 00	50 00	.....	.....	150 00	572 00
Canada West	20 00	80 00	.....	.....	28	75 00	175 28
Vermont	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	75 00	75 00
Alabama	.....	17 50	.....	.....	.....	75 00	92 50
District of Columbia	70 00	21 00	10 00	6 00	.....	150 00	257 00
Missouri	.....	60 00	30 00	.....	20 00	.....	110 00
Oregon	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	75 00	75 00
California	200 00	186 50	100 00	.....	657 00	150 00	1294 10
North Carolina	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	75 00	75 00
	$630 00	$947 00	$241 00	$16 00	$677 88	$1200 00	$3711 88

SUPPLEMENTARY STATEMENT *of Reeeipts of Grand Secretary after the close of the Annual Report, up to and including September* 16, 1867.

GRAND ENCAMPMENTS.	Cards.	Books.	Odes.	Miscellaneous.	Rep. Tax.	Total.
Pennsylvania	.....	$18 00	.....	.....	.....	$ 18 00
Alabama	.....	.....	.....	.....	$ 75 00	75 00
Tennessee	.....	72 00	.....	.....	75 00	147 00
New Jersey	$60 00	54 00	.....	.....	150 00	264 00
Wisconsin	.....	54 00	.....	.....	.....	54 00
Missouri	.....	.....	.....	.....	75 00	75 00
California	.....	45 00	$20 00	$164 50	150 00	379 50
Maine	.....	.....	.....	.....	37 50	37 50
New York	.....	.....	.....	.....	150 00	150 00
	$60 00	$243 00	$20 00	$164 50	$712 50	$1200 00

SUPPLEMENTAL STATEMENT—*Continued.*

	Diplomas.	Dues.	Total.
Union Encampment, No. 1, Canada West. ...	.....	$11 61	$11 61
Frontier Encampment, No. 2, " "	.....	12 70	12 70
Harmony Encampment, No. 3, " "	.....	14 45	14 45
William Curtis, of Pennsylvania.....	$306 00	.....	306 00
Thomas G. Steele, of West Virginia.....	12 00	.....	12 00
	$318 00	$38 76	$356 00

SOUTHERN RELIEF FUND.

California.....	$2,627 50
Pennsylvania.....	1,295 23
Maryland.....	400 00
Indiana.....	596 90
New Jersey.....	238 00
Missouri.....	210 95
District of Columbia.....	425 00
West Virginia.....	35 00
	$5,828 58
Previously reported.....	5,366 42
Total.....	$11,195 00

TOTAL RECEIPTS.

Cards.....	Statement.....	$6,180 40	
	Supplementary.....	690 00	$6,870 40
Books.....	Statement.....	7,723 30	
	Supplementary.....	1,190 00	8,913 30
Representative Tax.....	Statement.....	5,613 52	
	Supplementary.....	1,912 50	7,526 02
Diplomas.....	Statement.....	788 75	
	Supplementary	334 00	1,122 75
Charters.....	Statement.....	180 00	180 00
Balance.....	Statement.....	699 51	699 51
Odes.....	Statement.....	1,125 08	
	Supplementary.....	261 00	1,386 08
Dues.....	Statement.....	890 14	
	Supplementary.....	38 76	928 90
Miscellaneous.....	Statement.....	78 55	
	Supplementary.....	842 38	920 93
			$28,547 89

Respectfully submitted.

JAS. L. RIDGELY, *C. and R. Secretary.*

On motion of Rep. BARRY, of Indiana, the Lodge resolved itself into secret session.

After some time passed in secret session, the Lodge resumed its ordinary business.

The Lodge now proceeded to the consideration of the subject pending at the hour of adjournment on yesterday, to wit, the first resolution accompanying the report of the majority of the committee on the subject of non-beneficial membership, as amended by the amendment of Rep. LAMBERTON, of Pennsylvania. The question being on its adoption, it was resolved in the negative. The yeas and nays appeared as follows:

Yeas—Atwood, Baker, Bancroft, Barber, Beckett, Burton of Iowa, Burton of Vermont, Damon, Enholm, Escavaille, (2 votes,) Glenn, Havenner, Hoke, Johnson, Kingsbury, Ladd, Leech, Love, McKinstry, McLean, Marvin, Mayes, Meeker, Ransom, Ross, Strong, Stuart, Veitch, White, Willard, Woodyatt—32.

Nays—Adams, Babcock of Illinois, Babcock of Ohio, Bailey, Barron, Barry, Blair, Bragg, Carter, Coleman, Dannals, Davis, Deitz, Doe, Dowden, Driscol, Durham, Fithian, Fitzhugh, Foster, Foulk, Gilman, Ham, Haupt, Hide, Hodges, Horn, Hyland, Lamberton, Latham, Logan, Lull, McClelland, McKenzie, Mack, Maris, Marley, (2 votes,) Martin, Matheson, Mauro, Millard, Oakes, Page, Pearson, Raum, Robinson, Sabine, Scott, (2 votes,) Simpson, Smiley, Smith of Illinois, Smith of West Virginia, Steele, Stokes, Taylor, Templin, Terwilliger, Thayer, Thompson, Townsend, Venable, Viele, Wright—64.

The question recurring on the second resolution, it was resolved in the negative.

Rep. LAMBERTON, of Pennsylvania, moved the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the consent of this Grand Lodge be and the same is hereby given to the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania to hold its next annual session in the city of Pittsburg, in that jurisdiction.

Rep. LEECH, of Iowa, from the Committee on Petitions, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Petitions, to whom was referred so much of the report of the M. W. Grand Sire as relates to his issuance of warrants for the institution of Rochester Encampment, No. 2, located at Rochester, Minnesota, and Nicollet Encampment, No. 3, located at St. Peter's, Minneota, have examined the same, and offer for adoption the following resolution:

Resolved, That the action of the Grand Sire in the matter above be and is hereby confirmed.

Respectfully submitted.

ERIE J. LEECH,
JNO. H. WHITE,
M. J. DURHAM,
JOHN McKENZIE,
W. H. PEARSON.

Rep. LEECH, of Iowa, from the Committee on Petitions, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Petitions, to whom was referred the application of the Grand Encampment of Louisiana, asking this Grand Lodge to grant them a duplicate of their charter, have examined the application, and find that in July, 1866, Odd-Fellows Hall in the city of New Orleans was destroyed by fire, and the charter of the Grand Encampment was lost at the same time. Your committee offer for adoption the following reolution:

Resolved, That a duplicate of the charter of the Grand Encampment of Louisiana, signed by the present Grand Sire and Grand Secretary, properly filled out, be forwarded without delay to the Grand Scribe of that jurisdiction, and that said duplicate shall have the same force and effect as the original. Respectfully submitted.

ERIE J. LEECH,
M. J. DURHAM,
JNO. H. WHITE,
JOHN McKENZIE,
W. H. PEARSON.

Rep. LEECH, of Iowa, from the Committee on Petitions, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Petitions, to whom was referred so much of the report of the M. W. Grand Sire as states his issue of warrants for the institution of the following Encampments, viz.: Colorado Encampment, No. 1, at Central City, Colorado, and Denver Encampment, No. 2, at Denver, Colorado, have examined the matters referred to, and recommend that the action of the M. W. Grand Sire be approved and confirmed by your Grand Body.

ERIE J. LEECH,
M. J. DURHAM,
W. H. PEARSON,
JOHN McKENZIE,
JNO. H WHITE.

Rep. LEECH, of Iowa, from the Committee on Petitions, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

Your Committee, to whom was referred the petition of one hundred and seventy recipients of the degree of Rebekah, residing in Rochester, New York, respectfully report that they have given the subject that careful consideration which its importance demands. Judging from the action of many of the Grand Bodies represented on this floor, and from the petitions presented, it seems to your committee that the sentiment of the Order demands the continuance of the degree, and that it should be improved and perfected by appropriate legislation, so that it may become a working degree, having its own officers, and transacting such legitimate business as may belong to it; and we offer the following resolution:

Resolved, That the subject matter of the petition be referred to the Legislative Committee, with instructions to submit such appropriate legislation as will further the objects of the petitioners.

ERIE J. LEECH,
JNO. H. WHITE,
M. J. DURHAM,
JOHN McKENZIE,
W. H. PEARSON.

Rep. PEARSON, of Massachusetts, from the Committee on Petitions, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Petitions to whom was referred so much of the M. W. Grand Sire's report as states that he has issued his warrant for the institution of Montano Lodge, No. 1, located at Helena, Montano Territory, ask leave to report that they have duly examined the matter referred, and would recommend that said action be approved and confirmed.

W. H. PEARSON,
M. J. DURHAM,
ERIE J. LEECH,
JNO. H. WHITE,
JOHN McKENZIE.

Rep. LAMBERTON, of Pennsylvania, from the Committee of Appeals, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Appeals, to whom was referred the appeal of P. G. Masters Ridgely, Garey, and Mantz from the action of the Grand Lodge of Maryland in the case of Bro. Burnham against Centre Lodge, No. 40, respectfully report:

Bro. Burnham was arraigned, tried, and expelled upon certain charges and specifications, involving a fraud upon his Lodge, by feigning sickness and improperly receiving benefits. From the action of the Lodge he appealed to the Executive Committee of the Grand Lodge of Maryland. That body reversed the decision of the Lodge and imposed a new sentence of "suspension." An appeal was taken from this decision by Bro. Burnham to the Board of Appeals, who, after examination, "reversed the decision of the Lodge expelling the brother, and reversed so much of the decision of the Executive Committee which assumed to impose a new sentence." Thereupon the Lodge appealed to the Grand Lodge of Maryland, and that body affirmed the action of the Board of Appeals, and yet referred "the case to Centre Lodge for a new trial." From this decision P. G. Masters Ridgely, Vansant; Garey, Mantz, Smith and others appealed to this body in 1865. On full and careful consideration, the Grand Lodge of the United States, by an unanimous vote, adopted the following resolution:

Resolved, That the decision of the Grand Lodge of Maryland, in the case of Bro. G. G. W. Burnham, appellant, *vs.* Centre Lodge, No. 40, of that jurisdiction, be and the same is hereby reversed, and that the decision of the Board of Appeals in the case be and the same is hereby affirmed, and the brother is restored to all his rights and privileges in his Lodge.—*Journal*, 3817, 3841.

The necessary and legitimate consequences of this marked and decided resolve of this Grand Lodge was, that Bro. Burnham became immediately clothed with "all his rights and privileges." One of these was the right to receive the benefits which had been wrongfully withheld from him by his Lodge. He asked for what was due to him; the Lodge refused to pay him. Bro. Burnham appealed to the Executive Committee of the Grand Lodge of Maryland, which decided against him and allowed him no benefits, because he produced no evidence before the Executive Committee, "but relied entirely" upon the decision we have cited; and, notwithstanding this, the Committee in their report, expressed their opinion, "that, in *justice and equity*, Bro. Burnham is entitled to receive weekly benefits, from December 3, 1863,

to February 10, 1864, during which time he remained upon the books of Centre Lodge as under care." From this decision he appealed to the Board of Appeals, which ordered the payment of the benefits claimed. The Lodge thereupon appealed to the Grand Lodge of Maryland, which body, on a motion that "all the testimony be read," struck out the words "all the testimony," and inserted the words "testimony before the Executive Committee;" the effect of which was that the very testimony and documents forming a part of the record of the case which had been decided by this Grand Lodge, and which had been duly taken under the laws of the Grand Lodge of Maryland, and was under the control and in the custody of that Grand Body, was not read, and so the decision of the Board of Appeals was reversed; and it is from this decision that this appeal comes to us.

Two questions are presented: 1st. Were the evidence and documents on file in the case decided by this Grand Lodge in 1865 properly before the Executive Committee and the Grand Lodge of Maryland?

2d. If so, do they sustain the claim made by Bro. Burnham?

The answers to these questions are obvious, and to your committee the case is a plain one.

1. The issue presented in the charges preferred aginst Bro. Burnham was simply this: was he guilty of fraud in feigning sickness, and so receiving and asking for benefits? All of the appellate tribunals known in the jurisdiction of Maryland held him guiltless of the charge. Thus it was established beyond question that his sickness was not feigned, but real. And this too was confirmed by the judgement of the highest body known to this Order. It followed that, the sickness being real, the brother could of right demand his benefits. This was the right that had been questioned. The testimony was voluminous; it formed a part of the record of the case from the hour it was taken, and that record was closed by the decision of this Grand Lodge. With that decision, the record was remitted to the Grand Lodge of Maryland. And when Bro. Burnham referred the Executive Committee of the Grand Lodge of Maryland in support of the justice of his case to the decision of this Grand Lodge, he necessarily referred to the record in the custody of that Grand Lodge. Hence, that evidence was virtually before that Committee when the brother relied upon the decision in his favor, and it ought to have been considered by them, as it was considered by the Board of Appeals afterwards.

2. Does the evidence support the claim of Bro. Burnham? It is settled that his sickness was real, and that he is entitled to be paid. That evidence was properly taken and was preserved. It was in the care of the Grand Secretary of the State. It was taken in a case between the same parties, it was upon the same subject matter, and it did, in the judgment of this Grand Lodge, establish this very right which we are once more asked to pass upon. Your committee can well declare that, in their opinion, to use the language of the Executive Committee, which resorted to a technical quibble to decide against Bro. Burnham, he is entitled "in justice and equity to receive weekly benefits." He has been baffled and wearied for two years in obtaining what was rightfully due to him. The Executive Committee gave utterance to what we all recognize as a great truth, that "it is a settled law and principle of the Order that all claims for benefits should be promptly adjusted," and in the very teeth of this settled law and principle a brother has been forced to contest his claim through all the tribunals known to the Order for two years, after its justice was established by a formal decision of this Grand Lodge.

Your committee therefore report the following resolutions:

1. The decision of the Grand Lodge of Maryland is hereby reversed, and that of the Board of Appeals is affirmed.

2. Centre Lodge, No. 40, of Maryland, is hereby ordered and directed to pay to Bro. Burnham the benefits ascertained to be due and payable to him in the report of the Board of Appeals, to wit, from October 10, 1863, to Sep-

tember 3, 1864, and the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maryland is hereby directed to enforce this order, if necessary.

R. A. LAMBERTON,
WILLIAM THAYER,
BENJ. KINGSBURY, JR.
THOMAS G. STEELE.

Rep. LAMBERTON, of Pennsylvania, from the Committee of Appeals, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Appeals, to whom was referred the appeal of G. Rep-John H. White from a decision of the Grand Lodge of New York, respectfully report: That the question raised in this case is as to whether, under the Constitution of Subordinate Lodges of the State of New York, a brother holding a withdrawal card, after having been rejected in a Lodge to which he has applied for membership, can be proposed again to a Lodge within six months after his rejection.

The Grand Master of New York decided that he could not; the Grand Lodge reversed this decision, and from this action of reversal this appeal is taken.

The Constitution of Subordinate Lodges of the State of New York, Art. II. Sec. 2, prescribes that "the name of a person offered for membership, with his age, residence, and occupation, must be proposed by a member in writing, signed by the applicant, and entered upon record, and forthwith be referred to a committee of three members for investigation," &c. By sec. 3 all candidates for membership by deposit of card, or as ancient Odd-Fellows, whose cards have been granted more than twelve months, shall deposit their cards with the proposition, or furnish satisfactory evidence that such card has been lost, which shall be referred to a committee of three, and in other respects be disposed of as provided by sec, 2 for other applicants. By sec. 5 it is provided, that "when *a candidate* has been rejected, notice thereof shall be sent without delay to all the Lodges in this county, and he cannot be proposed again in any Lodge for the space of six months after such rejection."

These sections contain all the provisions in the Constitution having relevancy to a proper disposition of this appeal, and by them we must be governed. This Grand Lodge has ruled that "local jurisdictions, each for itself, are clothed with the power of determining the time that shall intervene between the rejection of an applicant for membership by card and a second application by the same party." (Jour., 2214, 2251, 2264, 2327; Dig., p. 27, sec. 30.) The jurisdiction of New York has, in the sections we have cited, exercised its power, and determined, by a general law, the time which must intervene between the rejection of all candidates for membership and a renewal of their proposals. This law covers as well the case of one who must become a member by initiation as one who is received upon his card. Surely the latter is a candidate. Sec. 2 applies to a candidate for *initiation* and membership, and styles him "a person." Sec. 3 applies to candidates for membership, and calls them candidates. Then follows sec. 5, a general law as to all rejected candidates. It is very explicit, and declares that they cannot be proposed again in any Lodge for the space of six months after their rejection. The Grand Master of New York was, therefore, right in his ruling, and the Grand Lodge wrong in reversing it.

Your committee, therefore, report for your approval the following resolution:

Resolved, That the action of the Grand Lodge of New York, in overrul-

ing the decision of the Grand Master, was erroneous. His decision is hereby affirmed, and that of the Grand Lodge reversed

R. A. LAMBERTON,
THOMAS G. STEELE,
BENJ. KINGSBURY, JR.
WILLIAM THAYER.

Rep. ESCAVAILLE, of Maryland, moved the following resolution:

Resolved, That the R. W. Grand Messenger be and is hereby instructed to furnish the officers and representatives with postage stamps during the sessions of the Grand Lodge.

On motion of Rep. DURHAM, of Kentucky, to lay the resolution on the table, it was resolved in the negative.

The question being on the adoption of the resolution—

Rep. BAKER, of Kansas, moved to amend by adding, at the end of the resolution the words, "by the members paying for the same," which was agreed to.

The question recurring on the resolution, as amended—

Rep. GILMAN, of California, moved to amend further, as follows:

Resolved, That the R. W. Grand Messenger be instructed to procure postage stamps, and cause the same to be affixed to printed Journal before laid upon the desk of members, and the amount be paid from the fund of this R. W. Grand Lodge by the Treasurer.

Rep. THAYER, of South Carolina, asked a division of the question; and the question being on the first branch of the proposition, as follows: "That the R. W. Grand Messenger be instructed to furnish postage stamps"—

On motion of Rep. THAYER, of South Carolina, the whole subject was ordered to lie on the table.

Rep. HODGES, of Massachusetts, presented the amended Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, which was referred to the Committee on Constitutions.

Rep. HODGES, of Massachusetts, moved the following resolution, which was referred to the Committee on the State of the Order:

Resolved, That the 26th of April in each year, it being the anniversary of the introduction of Odd-Fellowship into this country, be adopted as a standing Thanksgiving Day of the Order, and that all Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments be requested to urge their Subordinates to observe the day in some appropriate manner.

Rep. PEARSON, of Massachusetts, moved the following resolution, which was referred to the Legislative Committee:

Resolved, That Subordinate Lodges and Encampments may re-elect their officers, and that all laws to the contrary be and are hereby repealed.

Rep. MILLARD, of New York, presented the following proceedings of the Grand Encampment of New York, which were laid on the table:

Whereas this R. W. Grand Encampment has learned with regret that a proposition is now pending before the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, having for its object the abolishment of the Degree of Rebekah, an honorary degree established for the benefit of the wives of Scarlet Degree members of the Independent Order of Odd-Fellows; and whereas the sense of this Grand Encampment is against such repeal; therefore,

Resolved, That the R. W. Grand Representatives from this Grand Encampment to the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States be requested to use their votes and influence in said Grand Lodge against the repeal of said degree, and in favor of such legislation by that R. W. Body as will establish said degree on a more permanent basis, with proper provisions for carrying out more fully the objects of said degree in co-operation with the brethren of this Order or otherwise, in visiting the sick and relieving suffering humanity.

Rep. TERWILLIGER, of New York, presented the following proceeding of the Grand Lodge of New York, which was referred to the Legislative Committee:

Resolved, That the Representatives of this jurisdiction to the Grand Lodge of the United States are hereby requested to use their influence to procure the adoption of a suitable form of installation for Degree Lodges.

Rep. BAILEY, of Pennsylvania, moved the following resolutions:

Resolved, That so much of the resolution on page 4064 as fixes 3½ P. M. as the hour of adjournment be rescinded.

Resolved, That hereafter each member, in speaking upon any question before the Grand Body, shall be limited to ten minutes.

The question being on the first resolution, it was not agreed to.

The question being on the second resolution, it was agreed to.

Rep. SIMPSON, of Pennsylvania, presented the appeal of Mount Lebanon Encampment of that State, which was referred to the Committee on Appeals.

Rep. CARTER, of Ohio, presented the amended Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Ohio, which was referred to the Committee on Constitutions.

Rep. CARTER, of Ohio, rose in his place and addressed the Lodge as follows:

MOST WORTHY GRAND SIRE: It is a melancholy duty that devolves upon me, to announce to you and to this Grand Body that, since our last meeting, the mysterious hand of Death has visited the jurisdiction of Ohio, and removed from our midst two members of this Grand Body—Past Grand Master and Past Grand Representative DAVID T. SNELLBAKER, and Grand Representative JOSEPH KIRKUP, both residents of the city of Cincinnati.

Bro. SNELLBAKER was born in the city of Philadelphia, August 6th, in the year 1804. Removing to Ohio, and actively engaging in Odd-Fellow-

ship in its infancy, laboring industriously at the time when it most needed the best efforts of the advocates of its glorious principles, his valuable services were appreciated and acknowledged in his election to the honorable position of Grand Master in the year 1845, and was a member of this Grand Body the same year.

As a citizen, Bro. Snellbaker had the confidence of those who knew him. He was elected by the citizens of our city to a position of trust for several years, and was also afterwards honored with the position of its executive officer. He was a man of great industry, and honestly applied his best efforts to any trust confided to him. His friendship for his fellow-man was perfect sincerity, truthfulness, and honesty in all his transactions.

After filling the positions in which he was placed by his fellow-citizens, he followed the profession of law, and, although possessing no brilliancy at the bar, so honorable was he in his practice as to be respected by all.

For some time previous to his death he was greatly afflicted. On the 15th day of February, of the present year, the Grand Master of the Universe in His wisdom and goodness saw proper to end his afflictions and called him from this to a better world. To this, as in every dispensation of our all wise and merciful Father, we humbly bow.

Most Worthy Grand Sire, JOSEPH KIRKUP, whose remains now lie in our beautiful Spring Grove Cemetery, was my honored colleague at the last session of this Grand Body. Then in the full enjoyment of health, it was but reasonable to expect that there was a long and useful future before him; but He that doeth all things well ordained that it should be otherwise. In this act of the Divine we are forcibly reminded that in the midst of life we are in death—that we know not what the day or hour may reveal to us.

It is not my purpose to pronounce a vain or fulsome eulogy upon the character of the deceased, but simply to add a tribute of respect to his memory, to speak of the high regard I entertained for him whilst living, and my grief in the loss of so dear and valued a friend.

Bro. Kirkup was initiated in Franklin Lodge, No. 4, in the year 1852, and held active membership in the same until 1859, at which time he, with others, applied for and obtained a charter for Eclipse Lodge, No. 348. At its institution he was chosen as its permanent Secretary, and continued to discharge the duties of that position until his death. On the 2d day of November last he was attacked by that dreadful scourge, the cholera, which was then fearfully raging in our city and daily depriving us of numbers of valuable citizens. Every effort was made that he might be spared, but all of no avail; his time had come, and on the evening of Nov. 6th, at his residence, surrounded by his family and friends, he breathed his last on earth, being in the 39th year of his age.

Some of the prominent traits in the character of our deceased brother, Joseph Kirkup, were his frankness, his clearness of perception, his soundness of judgment, his honesty of purpose, and promptness in the discharge of all the duties that devolved upon him in every capacity, both public and private, and he was magnanimous almost to a fault.

His mild, affable and unassuming manner won the respect and confidence of all with whom he became acquainted. As an Odd-Fellow, he labored zealously in behalf of its principles, and as a recognition of his valuable services his brethren frequently selected him to places of trust and honor, positions the highest the Subordinate or Grand Bodies, of which he was a member, could bestow. The honors thus placed upon him were reflected back upon the givers two-fold.

For fifteen years prior to his death I knew him intimately—was his daily companion. He was my friend, not only in the mystic meaning of the word as defined in the light of Odd-Fellowship, but my friend in that higher and nobler sense by which men on earth, through trusting friendships, ally themselves to the angels in heaven.

Grand Representative Kirkup was one of that class of which it has been

said to be one of the noblest works of God—an honest man. He was a man such as all lovers of the beautiful, the true and the good in man, must ever admire—a man of warm, genial affections in all the relations of life—a man who, by the amiability of his character, generosity of action, gentleness of conduct, made for himself, not only in the Order which he loved so well, but in the world at large, a host of friends. To friends thus won he constantly endeared himself by his disposition and daily deportment, and, when dead, left a vacancy among them never to be filled.

During the darkest hours of the storm which so lately threatened the destruction of the Republic he never despaired of good results, though the notes of fraternal and intestine strife strode all over the land. He had hope that the time would come again when the sword should be sheathed, and war flee to some other clime more congenial to it than this of ours. He was not an active, bitter partisan; he labored for the success of principles, not men. It was this liberal spirit that gave him the confidence of his fellow-citizens, who more than once, by their suffrages, conferred positions of honor and distinction upon him.

He was, indeed, faithful in all those things that make up the good and valued citizen. I scarcely need say that he was a dutiful son, an affectionate husband, a kind, indulgent father; for he who possesses the virtues alluded to, seldom fails in those particular virtues that go to make up the true man. Order was the first and ruling law in his household, and, as a sequence, peace and hapiness reigned therein. Dying, he committed that family to our care, and in the time to come we will regard them as our jewels.

Bro. Kirkup was an Odd-Fellow in principle, sentiment, and practice. In this, if in no other respect, we are taught to revere and hold sacred his memory. As such he was no stranger to this mystic band. Many present can testify to his fervent attachment to the glorious principles and sentiments of our Order. Entering the Order at an early age, as I have said, he was at once imbued with the idea of its great usefulness to the world. He at once conceived it to be a grand agent in the hands of Providence to separate the unselfish from the selfish. He realized that there were two kinds of Odd-Fellowship, and these kinds produced two classes of memberships—one of which was those whose aim in joining the same was the protection it offered them; the other, a class who joined the Order because its sentiments, principles, and doctrines were designed to make men more moral and humane. He preferred the latter, and loved with all his powers of affection the internal life of Odd-Fellowship. It was supreme love for the inner life of our Order that made him so strong in the outer life—for he that drinks deep draughts from our running streams of Friendship, sparkling fountains of Love, and gathers from our rich fields of glorious Truth, surrounding them all with joyous faith, undying hope, and unselfish charity, must become a better man—a true Chritian.

Prosperity and advancement in the Order did not turn him aside from his minor duties in either Lodge or Encampment. The meeting nights of either were sacred to him, and none miss him more than the members of the Lodge to which he belonged. He died with the proud satisfaction that the Order was bettered by his having had a membership in it. And now,

> "Though in the Grand Lodge above,
> We remember thee in love;
> Yet our Lodge has lost thee here—
> 'Tis for this we shed the tear"

He died as he had lived, with a firm dependence upon God for redemption and mercy through our Lord Jesus Christ. He was followed to his grave by as large a concourse of the Order and his fellow-citizens as ever gathered in our city on a similar occasion. To-day with us his memory is more than blessed, for it fastens upon our hearts a stronger love for those things that made him the true man, the exemplary citizen, the affectionate husband and indulgent father, the faithful Odd-Fellow and worthy companion.

My brethren, I commend the life and death of Grand Representative Kirkup to your consideration. Let us so act as Odd-Fellows, as men, and as Christians, that the world may say of us, as we now say of him, the world was bettered by his having had an existence in it.

The Grand Secretary presented a communication from the Grand Secretary and Grand Scribe of Texas on the subject of the indebtedness of that jurisdiction to the Grand Lodge of the United States, which, on motion of Rep. SIMPSON, of Pennsylvania, was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Rep. ROSS, of New Jersey, moved the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That one o'clock this day be fixed as the hour for the consideration of the report of the special committee on new Funeral Service, on pages 3997 to 4006 Revised Journal of 1866.

Rep. HIDE, of Tennessee, submitted the following query, which was referred to the Committee on the State of the Order:

Is a brother who draws a card for the purpose of opening a new Lodge, and dies before he is six months a member of said new Lodge, entitled to sick and funeral benefits from the same?

Rep. MARTIN, of South Carolina, rose in his place and addressed the Lodge as follows:

MOST WORTHY GRAND SIRE: The melancholy duty devolves upon me to announce to this Grand Lodge the demise of my late predecessor, P. G. Representative EDWARD MITCHELL, who departed this life shortly after the last session of this body. For a number of years he represented the Encampment branch of our Order in South Carolina, in which jurisdiction he was a valuable and esteemed member. A consistent and faithful Odd-Fellow, possessing excellent talents and genial in disposition, unassuming and unobtrusive in his deportment through life, he has gone, but his many virtues will long be remembered. From his earliest connection with our Order he was a devoted and zealous member, unceasing in his labors for its advancement. In the death of our beloved brother the Order has sustained a great loss—a loss we but faintly express in this humble tribute to his memory.

Rep. THAYER, of South Carolina, also addressed the Lodge touching the death of P. G. Rep. EDWARD MITCHELL, of South Carolina, and of his distinguished services to the Order.

Rep. ENHOLM, of Alabama, moved the following resolution, which was referred to the Legislative Committee:

Resolved, That the Noble Grands of Subordinate Lodges shall have the power to appoint a committee to examine any visiting brother before the Lodge is opened, on ascertaining that the card of the visiting brother is correct.

Rep. KINGSBURY, of Maine, presented the following proceeding of the Grand Lodge of Maine, which was laid on the table:

Resolved, That the Representatives of this Grand Lodge to the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States be instructed to oppose any action in favor of the repeal of the Degree of Rebekah.

Rep. BRAGG, of Arkansas, moved the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That at half-past three o'clock this day this Grand Lodge will go into secret session for the purpose of exemplifying the unwritten work of the Order, and that the hour for adjournment be extended to-day for that purpose.

Rep. FITZHUGH, of Virginia, from the special committee on that subject, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Special Committee, to whom the able and interesting report of Grand Representative F. D. STUART, Special Commissioner to the Lower Provinces of B. N. A. and Canada East has been referred, beg leave to report:

That most of the communication of the Special Commissioner contains matter of detail connected with his mission, giving important information in regard to that portion of our jurisdiction, but requiring no special action by this Grand Body. There are, however, some recommendations made by the Commissioner upon which we suggest the following action. They are as follows:

1st. That the arrears due by the Grand Lodge of the Lower Provinces to this Grand Body be and the same are hereby remitted.

2d. That the action of the Commissioner, in instituting Stuart Encampment, No. .., at Pictou, Nova Scotia, be and the same is hereby confirmed. That the proper charter be issued and forwarded, and that the charter and books be presented to them free of charge.

3d. In regard to the establishment of a distinct jurisdiction consisting of "New Brunswick," the committee are of the opinion that at present it is inexpedient to multiply jurisdictions in Canada. Whenever a sufficient number of Lodges shall have been instituted, and shall apply for a Grand Lodge, this body will doubtless listen favorably to such an application.

4th. That no action in regard to the Manchester Unity is required by this Grand Lodge at this time.

The thanks of this Grand Lodge are eminently due to the distinguished Commissioner for the judicious, able, and efficient manner in which he has discharged the delicate and difficult duties imposed upon him.

Respectfully submitted. EDW. H. FITZHUGH,
ISAAC M. VEITCH,
WM. ELLISON.

Rep. STRONG, of Minnesota, moved the following resolution:

Resolved, That the R. W. Grand Secretary be requested to get up a suitable plate for charters, in such form as will answer for different Grand Lodges and Encampments, and that he furnish copies of the same to such Grand Bodies as may desire them at such price as will cover the cost thereof,

but without any intention of making them a source of revenue to this R. W. Grand Lodge.

The question being on the resolution—

Rep. RANSOM, of Kentucky, moved to lay the resolution on the table, which was resolved in the negative.

On motion of Rep. SMITH, of Illinois, the resolution was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Rep. STRONG, of Minnesota, moved the following resolution:

Resolved, That the several jurisdictions subordinate to this Grand Lodge be authorized and recommended to provide, by suitable legislation, a plan whereby they may have two classes of contributing members—one of them to be *beneficiary* and the other *non-beneficiary;* the first to be entitled to all the benefits that are now or may hereafter be provided by our rules, and the last to contribute such sum for dues as will cover all their proportion of the Lodge expenses, other than the amount raised to pay for sick and funeral benefits.

The question being on the resolution—

Rep. LAMBERTON, of Pennsylvania, moved to postpone it indefinitely.

The question being on this motion—

Rep. LEECH, of Iowa, moved to refer the resolution to a special committee, to report at the next annual session.

The question being on the motion to refer—

Rep. SIMPSON, of Pennsylvania, moved to lay the whole subject on the table, which was resolved in the affirmative.

Rep. DRISCOL, of Rhode Island, presented the amended Constitution of the Grand Encampment of Rhode Island, which was referred to the Committee on Constitutions.

Rep. STUART, of District of Columbia, presented the amended Constitution of the Grand Encampment of District of Columbia, which was referred to the Committee on Constitutions.

Rep. HAVENNER, of the District of Columbia, presented the following query:

Query. Can a brother who has not attained the scarlet degree hold an appointed office in a Subordinate Lodge?

The Chair ruled the inquiry to be out of order, under the 29th Article of the By-Laws.

Rep. MCCLELLAND, of California, moved the following, which was referred to the Committee on Finance:

Whereas Honolulu Lodge, No. 1, Sandwich Islands, formerly subject to this R. W. Grand Lodge, now of the jurisdiction of California, claims that

this R. W. Grand Lodge is indebted to said Lodge in the sum of one hundred and thirty-one dollars and fifty cents, and remains unsettled; therefore be it,

Resolved, That the subject be referred to the Finance Committee, and they be requested to examine into and amicably settle the same.

Rep. McClelland, of California, rose in his place and addressed the Lodge as follows:

Most Worthy Grand Sire: I feel it a duty incumbent on me to formally announce the death of P. G. M. and P. G. Rep. Wm. M. Allen, of the jurisdiction of California, who was a member of this Grand Lodge at the time of his death. He died on the 8th day of October, 1866, in the city of Philadelphia, far from the home of his adoption, but surrounded by true and faithful Odd-Fellows, and the last sad funeral ceremonies were conducted by the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania. Bro. Allen needs no eulogy at my hands. The history of the Order in California shows how dearly the brethren loved and esteemed him by elevating him to the high and honorable position of Grand Master, and subsequently electing him to represent their interest in this National Grand Lodge. He has "*gone home*" in the midst of his usefulness.

If possible, a still more painful duty devolves on me to announce the death of another distinguished and well beloved brother of our noble Order in California. P. G. M. and P. G. Rep. James A. J. Bohen died in the city of San Francisco on the 25th day of May, of the present year, after a long and contracted sickness of many months, of that slow but sure disease, *consumption*. We will not attempt to take up your valuable time in eulogizing the life and character of our distinguished brother. He needs none; his life will speak for him, as cold and too often unmeaning words cannot.

Bro. Bohen was born on Federal Hill, in the city of Baltimore, and at the time of his death was 39 years old—born, as it were, in the very cradle of Odd-Fellowship. We have frequently heard him make mention of the many times and the many hours (when a mere youth) he has spent in the company with the father and founder of our noble and beneficent Order, when he used to gather the little boys around him and relate to them many little pleasant stories, which caused the little fellows to love him. We can say we are not surprised that the lessons thus early taught, and so indelibly fixed on his young mind, were not forgotten by him in his more mature years, for his greatest pleasure was imparting these lessons so early learned to others.

His death was not unexpected; but how sadly did the intelligence fall on the members of our Order and the community in which he lived that another noble and good man had "fallen to sleep." How fragrant the memory of such a man! How we love to linger upon the recollections of his past life!

Bro. Bohen was buried in the Odd-Fellows' Cemetery, in full view of the Pacific ocean, side by side with the lamented P. G. M. Parker, where the Order of our noble jurisdiction is rearing a monument to their memory, as enduring as the beautiful white granite of our State, and which will ever point to the "*sleeping*" place of those noble and true hearts.

To the memory of Bro. Bohen there are erected, in the hearts of many sorrow-stricken friends, monuments of never dying love and gratitude more lasting than tablets of stone. The incense of grateful affection and love will ever be awarded him by the members of our Order. Peacefully, gently, willingly he "*fell asleep*," and as our tears fell upon his grave we were comforted by the thought that he was "not *lost*, but gone before," and a glad reunion—the joys of which will surpass aught of which earth can afford—awaits us if our footsteps follow after those of this good man, who has "gone home."

He was, indeed, an earnest, devoted and enthusiastic "*Odd-Fellow*." He was grateful to his Creator, faithful to his country, and fraternal to his fellow-man. "Peace be to his ashes."

Rep. DANNALS, of California, presented a bound copy of the Proceedings of the Grand Encampment of California from 1863 to 1867.

Rep. LOGAN, of Kansas, moved the following, which was adopted:

Whereas this Grand Lodge is in possession of the information that Rep. Stewart Hastings, from the Grand Encampment of Kansas, arrived in this city for the purpose of attending the G. L. Session, and that immediately previous to the assembling of this R. W. Body he was summoned home by a telegram announcing dangerous illness in his family; therefore,

Resolved, That the Committee on Mileage and Per Diem be and they are hereby instructed to include in their report mileage in favor of Rep. Stewart Hastings from his residence to the city of New York and return.

The Chair named the following special committee to revise the German Work: Reps. MACK, of Wisconsin; DIETZ, of Georgia; GAREY, of Maryland.

P. G. Sire NICHOLSON moved the following resolution:

Resolved, That the R. W. Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary be and is hereby requested to procure copies of the addresses written by the deaf mutes yesterday afternoon at the New York Institution for Deaf and Dumb, in the presence of the members of the Grand Lodge of the United States, and to have the same printed in the appendix of the Revised Journal, with a statement of the occurrences that transpired upon the occasion.

Rep. MAURO, of Missouri, moved to amend by striking out all after the word "resolved," and inserting as follows:

That the President of the New York Institution for Deaf and Dumb be requested to furnish to this Grand Lodge a copy of the remarks made by him, and also *verbatim* copies of the several addresses written in our presence, and without any previous preparation, by the students under his charge, together with the name of the author of each, on the occasion of the visit of this Grand Body to that institution.

Resolved, That the R. W. Grand Secretary be directed to cause to be prepared a detailed account of all that transpired on that occasion, and that the same, together with said addresses, if furnished, be published in the Appendix to the Journal of the present session, and also that ten thousand copies thereof be published for distribution by the members of the Grand Lodge.

The question being on the amendment of Rep. MAURO, of Missouri—

Rep. LEECH, of Iowa, moved to refer the subject to a special committee, of which P. G. Sire NICHOLSON shall be chairman, which was resolved in the affirmative.

The Chair named as the special committee provided for by the resolution, P. G. Sire NICHOLSON, Rep. SMILEY, of Tennessee, and P. G. Sire VEITCH, of Missouri.

The hour of twelve having arrived, the Chair announced the Lodge at recess for half an hour, pursuant to the order to that effect.

TWELVE AND A HALF O'CLOCK.

The Lodge re-assembled pursuant to the order for recess.

Rep. ESCAVAILLE, from the Committee on the State of the Order, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on the State of the Order, to which was referred the query of Rep. Carter, of Ohio, page 4129 Journal, begs leave to report that in the opinion of the committee the query has been improperly entertained by the Grand Lodge. The 29th Article of the By-Laws of the Grand Lodge confines queries of the character referred to the committee to be submitted by State Grand Bodies. The committee therefore submit the appended resolution.

Resolved, That the committee be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

JOS. B. ESCAVAILLE,
J. W. STOKES,
SAM'L W. HODGES,
ALEX. McKINSTRY,
T. B. McCARTY.

Rep. DAVIS, of New Hampshire, from the Committee on Unfinished Business, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Unfinished Buisness of the last Sesion have examined the Journal of 1866, and find the following requiring your consideration:

1st. Report of Special Committee on the Degree of Rebekah, page 3795, Journal of 1865. Referred to this session, page 4012, Journal of 1866.

2d. Resolution of Rep. White, of New York. Referred to this session, page 4013, Journal of 1866.

3d. Amendments to Constitution, found on pages 4045, 4046, 4047, 4048, 4049, Journal of 1866.

4th. Amendment to Art. 9, sec. 3, page 4022, Journal of 1866. Not found with the other amendments proposed.

Resolution of Rep. Leech, pages 3992 and 4013, Journal of 1866.

Many of these proposed amendments have been upon our Journal since 1860, and your committee would urge the importance of some action which shall clear from our Journal these proposed amendments.

Your Committtee are not clear that they have arrived at all the unfinished business, but make the above as their report. Respectfully submitted.

S. S. DAVIS,
C. K. LADD,
JOHN F. HIDE,
W. S. BURTON.

On motion of Rep. LEECH, of Iowa, to discharge the special order fixed for one o'clock this day—to wit, the consideration of the re-

ports of the Committees on the Funeral Ceremony made at the last session—it was resolved in the affirmative; and the special order was accordingly discharged.

The Lodge, on motion, now proceeded to the consideration of the proposed amendment to the By-Laws offered by Rep. LOGAN, of Kansas, as follows:

Resolved, That Article IV. of the By-Laws be amended by adding the following to the concluding sentence:

Provided, That nothing contained in this article shall operate to prevent the Grand Lodge from entertaining and granting, or instructing the Grand Sire to grant in the recess, the application for a Grand Charter to any less number of Lodges or Encampments who may regularly petition therefor, and accompany the petition with reasons which shall be deemed satisfactory for such grant by two-thirds of the members of the Grand Lodge at any regular session.

The question being on the adoption of the proposed amendment, and it requiring a vote of two-thirds of the members present to pass it, it was, upon a count, resolved in the affirmative, and the By-Law was accordingly so amended.

The next business considered by the Lodge was the report of the Committee on Constitution, page 4138, on the Constitution of the Grand Encampment of Ohio, which was adopted.

The next business, being the report of the Committee on Constitutions, page 4138, on the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Illinois, was considered and adopted.

The next business, being the report of the same committee, on the Constitution of Union Lodge of Colorado, page 4138, was considered and adopted.

The next report, from the same committee, page 4139, on the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Oregon, was considered and adopted.

The next report. being from the Legislative Committee, on the request of the Grand Lodge of Tennessee in relation to holding the next session of the Grand Lodge of the State in Memphis, page 4144, was considered and adopted.

The next report, being from the same committee, pages 4144 and 4145, on the subject of the Degree of Rebekah, was considered.

The question being on the adoption of the report—

Rep. WHITE, of New York, moved to postpone the subject for the present, which was agreed to.

The next report, being from the same committee, page 4145, on

the resolution of Rep. WILLARD, of Illinois, on the subject of resuscitating defunct Lodges, was considered and adopted.

The next report, being from the same committee, page 4145, on the resolution of Rep. LEECH, of Iowa, upon the subject of dispensing with the use of Charge and Lecture Books at initiations and in conferring degrees, was considered and adopted.

The next report, being from the Committee on Appeals, page 4146, on the appeal of P. G. STINSON, of Oregon, was considered and adopted.

The next report, being from the Committee on Finance, page 4146, on the resolution of Rep. VEITCH, of Missouri, in relation to the compilation of a volume of Forms, was considered and adopted.

The next report, being from the Committee on Appeals, on the appeal of P. S. MARVIN, of Rocky Mountain Lodge, No. 2, Colorado, pages 4147, 4148, 4149 and 4150, was considered and adopted.

Rep. ELLIS, of Maryland, from the special committee on that subject, made the following report, which was considered and adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Special Committee to whom was referred the reports of the Grand Sire and Grand Secretary for distribution to appropriate committees, ask leave to submit the following as a further report:

Your committee recommend that so much of the report of the Grand Sire as relates to the weekly benefits of Subordinate Lodges be referred to the Committee on the State of the Order.

That so much of the report of the Grand Secretary as relates to the accounts of Excelsior Lodge be referred to the Finance Committee.

That so much of the same document as relates to the correspondence between that officer and the families and friends of deceased brethren during the recess, and the various reports from Subordinate Grand Bodies, be referred to the Committee on Correspondence.

That so much as relates to the distribution and application of the fund that has accumulated in the hands of the Grand Treasurer for the relief of the Southern jurisdictions, under the resolutions of the last session, be referred to a special committee composed of the Representatives from all the Southern jurisdictions interested in that fund.

That so much as relates to the necessity for further financial aid to our brethren in the South be referred, in connection with the same subject in the Grand Sire's report, to the Finance Committee.

That all other parts of the report of the Grand Secretary touching the finances of the Grand Lodge, and the tables annexed to the report, be referred to the same committee.

That the action of the Grand Secretary in relation to the portraits of Past Grand Sire Veitch and P. D. Grand Sire Fitzhugh be approved.

Respectfully submitted. F. A. ELLIS,
H. L. PAGE.

On motion, the Lodge proceeded to the consideration of pending amendments to the Constitution.

The first amendment considered, being the amendment proposed by P. G. Sire KENNEDY, to be found on page 3254, as follows:

Amend the second section of the ninth article of the Constitution so that it shall read as follows:

"SECTION 2. Every State, District, Territorial or Colonial Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment having under its jurisdiction one thousand or less members in good standing, shall be entitled to one vote in the Grand Lodge; every State, District, Territorial or Colonial Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment having under its jurisdiction over one thousand members in good standing, shall be entitled to two votes; and no State, District, Territorial or Colonial Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment shall have more than one Grand Representative at the same time; provided, however, that any Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment shall be entitled to as many Grand Representatives as it may have votes, on assuming the payment of the mileage and per diem of the additional Grand Representative."

The question being on the adoption of the amendment—

Rep. THOMPSON, of Missouri, moved to indefinitely postpone it, which was resolved in the affirmative.

The next amendment, page 4045, proposed by Rep. EARL, of Ohio, as follows, was considered:

Amend the second section of the ninth article of the Constitution by striking out "one thousand," in the sixth line, and inserting "three thousand."

The question being on the adoption of the amendment, on motion of Rep. GLENN, of Iowa, it was indefinitely postponed.

On motion of Rep. LEECH, of Iowa, all amendments to the Constitution proposed at the session of 1860 were indefinitely postponed.

The Lodge now considered the pending amendments to the Constitution proposed at the session of 1861, when—

On motion of Rep. HYLAND, of West Virginia, the same were indefinitely postponed.

The Lodge now proceeded to consider the amendments proposed to the Constitution at the session of 1862.

The first amendment, being on page 4047, by Rep. CARLTON, of Ohio, was considered.

The question being on the adoption of the amendment, Rep. HIDE, of Tennessee, moved its indefinite postponement.

Rep. MCKINSTRY, of Alabama, raised the following point of order:

That the failure of this Grand Lodge to act upon a proposed amendment at the session next succeeding that after such amendment is proposed by a vote thereon, is in effect, to all intents and purposes, a refusal to adopt such amendment.

The Chair ruled the point to be not well taken.

Rep. McKinstry, of Alabama, appealed from the decision of the Chair, and the question being, "Shall the decision of the Chair stand as the judgment of the Lodge?" it was resolved in the affirmative.

The question recurring on the motion to indefinitely postpone the amendment, it was resolved in the affirmative.

The next amendment, page 4048, being the amendment proposed by Rep. Thompson, of Missouri, was considered.

The question being on the adoption of the amendment—

Rep. Simpson, of Pennsylvania, raised the point of order, that the amendment was not constitutionally seconded, not being proposed as the 21st article of the Constitution requires, "by one or more Representatives from three different States;" the Chair ruled the point to be well taken and declared the amendment to be out of order.

The next amendment, page 4048, proposed by Rep. Griswold, of Illinois, as follows, was considered:

Amend Section 4, Article XVI., by striking therefrom the last five lines of said Section 4, being all after and inclusive of the words "*provided, however.*"

The question being on the adoption of the amendment—

On motion of Rep. Veitch, of Missouri, to indefinitely postpone the amendment, it was resolved in the affirmative.

The next amendment, being proposed by Rep. White, of New York, page 4048, as follows, was considered:

Amend Section 5 of Article I, by striking out the words "by a unanimous vote," and inserting in lieu thereof the words "with the concurrence of four-fifths of the members."

The question being on the adoption of the amendment—

Rep. Thompson, of Missouri, moved to indefinitely postpone the amendment.

Rep. Latham, of Virginia, moved the previous question, which, being seconded by the Lodge, the main question was ordered and put, as follows:

"Will the Lodge adopt the motion of Rep. Thompson, of Missouri, to indefinitely postpone the amendment," which was resolved in the negative.

The question recurring on the motion to adopt the amendment

it was resolved in the negative, three-fourths not having voted in the affirmative, as required by the 11th article of the Constitution. The yeas and nays appeared as follows:

Yeas—Andrews, Babcock of Ohio, Bailey, Baker, Barber, Barron, Botsford, Bragg, Burton of Iowa, Burton of Vermont, Carter, Dannals, Dennis, Durham, Ellis, Enholm, Fithian, Foster, Foulk, Glenn, Ham, Hoke, Homes, (2 votes,) Horn, Johnson, Kingsbury, Ladd, Lamberton, Leech, Logan, Love, Lull, McClelland, McKenzie, Mack, Maris, Martin, Marvin, Matheson, Mayes, Meeker, Millard, Oakes, Page, Pearson, Simpson, Smith of Illinois, (2 votes,) Stokes, Strong, Taylor, Templin, Terwilliger, Thayer, Townsend, Venable, Viele, White, Willard, Wright—61.

Nays—Atwood, Bancroft, Barry, Blair, Coleman, (2 votes,) Damon, Davis, Deitz, Doe, Dowden, Escavaille, (2 votes,) Fitzhugh, Force, Gilman, Havenner, Haupt, Hide, Hodges, Hyland, Latham, McCarty, McKinstry, McLean, Marley, Mauro, Ransom, Raum, Robinson, Ross, Sabine, Scott, Smith of West Virginia, Steele, Stuart, Thompson, Veitch, Woodyatt—39.

The next amendment, page 4049, proposed by Rep. HODGES, of Massachusetts, as follows, was considered:

Amend Constitution of Grand Lodge of the United States, section five, article one, by striking out the word "unanimous," and insert in lieu thereof the word "nine-tenths."

The question being on the adoption of the amendment—

Rep. STUART, of District of Columbia, moved to indefinitely postpone it, which was resolved in the negative.

The question recurring on the motion to adopt the amendment—

Rep. BARRON, of Wisconsin, moved the previous qcestion, which being seconded by the Lodge, the main question was ordered and put, as follows:

"Will the Lodge adopt the proposed amendment to the Constitution," which was resolved in the negative, three-fourths not having voted in the affirmative. The yeas and nays appeared as follows:

Yeas—Andrews, Atwood, Babcock of Ohio, Bailey, Baker, Barber, Barron, Bragg, Burton of Iowa, Burton of Vermont, Carter, Dannals, Dennis, Doe, Durham, Ellis, Fithian, Foster, Glenn, Hodges, Hoke, Homes, (2 votes,) Kingsbury, Ladd, Lamberton, Leech, Logan, Love, Lull, McClelland, McKenzie, Mack, Maris, Martin, Marvin, Mayes, Meeker, Millard, Oakes, Page, Pearson, Raum, Simpson, Smith of Illinois, (2 votes,) Stokes, Strong, Templin, Terwilliger, Thayer, Townsend, Viele, White, Willard, Woodyatt—56.

Nays—Bancroft, Barry, Blair, Coleman, (2 votes,) Damon, Davis, Dietz, Dowden, Enholm, Escavaille, (2 votes,) Fitzhugh, Gilman, Ham, Havenner, Haupt, Hide, Hyland, Johnson, Latham, McCarty, McKinstry, McLean, Marley, Matheson, Mauro, Ransom, Robinson, Scott, Smith of West Virginia, Steele, Stuart, Taylor, Thompson, Veitch, Wright—37.

The next amendment, page 4049, proposed by Rep. SEXTON, of Indiana, was considered, and, on motion of Rep. THOMPSON, of Missouri, indefinitely postponed.

The next amendment, page 4022, proposed by Rep. SLATER, of Ohio, as follows, was considered:

Amend section three of article nine of the Grand Lodge Constitution. by striking out the words "he must have received the Royal Purple Degree," and insert the words "he must be in possession of the Grand Encampment Degree."

The question being on the adoption of the amendment—

On motion of Rep. SIMPSON, of Pennsylvania, the amendment was indefinitely postponed.

Rep. LATHAM, of Virginia, moved the following resolution, which was adopted:

Whereas Grand Representative J. H. Robinson, of the Grand Encampment of Virginia received some years ago a bound copy of the Journal and Digest of this body, but has had the misfortune to have the same destroyed by fire: therefore,

Resolved, That the Grand C. and R. Secretary be instructed to present said Grand Representative with another copy of the bound Journal and Digest of this Grand Lodge.

Rep. BAILEY, of Pennsylvania, from the Finance Committee, made the following report:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Finance Committee have considered the letter of the Grand Secretary and Grand Scribe of Texas, representing to this Grand Lodge that, owing to the impoverished condition of their State, and the terrible epidemic that largely prevailed therein, the re-organization of the Lodges and Encampments of that jurisdiction has been seriously retarded, and that consequently the finances of the Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment of Texas have rendered those bodies unable to liquidate their respective indebtedness to this Grand Lodge: that the Grand Bodies of Texas have paid the representative tax due by them; and requesting that, under the circumstances, their Representatives shall be recognized and allowed all the privileges of Representatives of this Grand Lodge. Your committee would respectfully report the following:

Resolved, That this Grand Lodge accept the notes of the Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment of Texas for their respective indebtedness to this Grand Lodge.

Resolved, That thereupon the above prayer be granted.

Respectfully submitted.

JOHN H. BAILEY,
H. L. PAGE,
JAS. TERWILLIGER,
F. BOTSFORD,
C. A. LOGAN,

On motion, the rule was suspended and the report was considered

The question being on the adoption of the resolutions accompanying the report, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Rep. CARTER, of Ohio, moved the following resolution:

Resolved, That members of the Order in good standing, and having received the Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment degrees, be permitted to remain in the Grand Lodge during its secret sessions.

The question being on the adoption of the resolution—

On motion of Rep. HAVENNER, of District of Columbia, it was ordered to lie on the table.

On motion of Rep. BARRY, of Indiana, that the Lodge now resolve itself into secret session, for instruction in the Work, pursuant to the special order to that effect—

Rep. FITZHUGH, of Virginia, moved to postpone the special order until Friday morning at 9 o'clock.

Rep. MAURO, of Missouri, moved to amend the motion, by striking out Friday morning at 9 o'clock, and inserting 8 o'clock this evening, which was not agreed to.

The question recurring on the motion of Rep. FITZHUGH, of Virginia, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Rep. ELLIS, of Maryland, from the special committee on that subject, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Special Committee, to whom was referred the supplemental report of the Grand Sire, submitted this morning for reference to proper committees, ask leave to report, and recommend:

That that part of the said supplemental report which relates to the memorial submitted by the Grand Sire in behalf of this Grand Lodge to the General Government, touching the claims of our brethren in Louisiana, Tennessee, and other Southern States against the United States, for the use or rent of their halls and losses sustained by them during the war, be referred, as the Grand Sire suggests, to a special committee.

That so much of the said supplemental report as refers to and approves and commends the tract on Odd-Fellowship, prepared by the Grand Secretary during the recess, under the authority of the resolution of the Grand Lodge at its last session, be referred to the Committee on the State of the Order, as the proper committee to consider and approve or disapprove of the principles and teachings of that document.

Respectfully submitted. F. A. ELLIS,
H. L. PAGE.

Rep. TERWILLIGER, of New York, from the Committee on Finance, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Finance recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the R. W. Grand Treasurer be and he is hereby instructed to invest from two to five thousand dollars of the surplus funds of this

Grand Lodge in United States Bonds, of such class as the Treasurer shall deem most desirable.

JAS. TERWILLIGER,
H. L. PAGE,
JOHN H. BAILEY,
C. A. LOGAN,
F. BOTSFORD.

Rep. DOWDEN, of Kentucky, from the Committee on Constitutions, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

Your Committee on Constitutions have examined the amendments to the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Ohio, adopted May, 1867, and recommend their approval, and append the following:

Resolved, That the amendments to the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Ohio, above referred to, be approved.

Fraternally submitted.

M. S. DOWDEN,
R. B. MAYES,
DANL. FITHIAN,
J. F. DRISCOL,
B. W. DENNIS.

Rep. DOWDEN, of Kentucky, from the Committee on Constitutions, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Constitutions, to whom was referred the amendments to the Constitution of the Grand Encampment of the District of Columbia, adopted at their last session, append the following:

Resolved, That the amendments to the Constitution of the Grand Encampment of the District of Columbia, above mentioned, be approved.

Respectfully submitted.

M. S. DOWDEN,
DANL. FITHIAN,
R. B. MAYES,
B. W. DENNIS,
J. F. DRISCOL.

Rep. DOWDEN, of Kentucky, from the Committee on Constitutions, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

Your Committee on Constitutions have examined the amendments to the Constitution of the Grand Encampment of Rhode Island, adopted 5th February, 1867, and recommend the following:

Resolved, That the amendments to the Constitution of the Grand Encampment of Rhode Island, above referred to, be approved.

Fraternally submitted.

M. S. DOWDEN,
DANL. FITHIAN,
R. B. MAYES,
B. W. DENNIS,
J. F. DRISCOL.

Rep. STOKES, of Pennsylvania, from the Committee on the State of the Order, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was referred the resolution of Rep. Barry, of Indiana, page 4130, Journal, and the chart accompanying the same, purporting to be a diploma for the lady members of the Degree of Rebekah, have considered the same, and report:

They find the existing legislation on this subject to be: "that *all diplomas* must be signed by the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of the United States," and "that State Grand Officers and officers of Subordinate Lodges are prohibited from signing any diploma not issued by authority of the Grand Lodge of the United States, and authenticated as above required." It is apparent that this legislation was designed to protect the Order from being imposed upon by those who, for mercenary purposes, were circulating all forms of charts, purporting to be diplomas or certificates of membership. The chart referred to us has *not* been authorized by this Grand Body, although, with an apparent design to give it validity, the publisher has placed thereon a *fac simile* of the seal of this Grand Body. This is the first instance known to your committee that such liberty has been taken with the seal of this Grand Lodge.

The present legislation, though prohibiting officers from signing, has no reference to members of the Order prohibiting them from publishing and circulating such interdicted documents; we therefore deem it necessary that there should be such legislation as will prevent, under the highest penalty, any member of the Order from publishing and circulating such documents, and especially from a fraudulent use of any impression of our seal. We therefore offer the following:

Resolved, That the Legislative Committee be instructed to report a law requiring State Grand Lodges to expel therefrom, and Subordinate Lodges to expel from the Order, any member thereof who shall pervert our seal by attaching a copy of the same to any chart, certificate, diploma, or other document, or by publishing and circulating any diploma not authorized by the Grand Lodge of the United States.

J. W. STOKES,
ALEX. McKINSTRY,
JOS. B. ESCAVAILLE,
SAM'L. W. HODGES,
T. B. McCARTY

Rep. STOKES, of Pennsylvania, from the Committee on the State of the Order, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was referred so much of the M. W. Grand Sire's report "as refers to the weekly benefits of Subordinate Lodges," respectfully report:

That the payment of weekly benefits to sick members is the distinguishing characteristic of our Order, and may be regarded as the fundamental principle of Odd-Fellowship, which, combined with the moral precepts and teachings of the Order, has made our organization so eminently successful. The repeated affirmance, and heretofore consistent adherence, to this peculiar feature of our Order, induces the committee to dissent from the opinions

expressed by the M. W. Grand Sire, and respectfuliy submit the following resolution:

Resolved, That the committee be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

Respectfully submitted,

J. W. STOKES,
ALEX. McKINSTRY,
JOS. B. ESCAVAILLE,
T. B. McCARTY,
SAMUEL W. HODGES.

Rep. HOKE, of North Carolina, from the Committee on Correspondence, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

Your Committee have examined with special interest the correspondence of the Grand Secretary connected with the execution of the several resolutions imposing certain duties upon him, and cannot but express their great satisfaction at the thorough and able manner in which that correspondence has been conducted. Especially is this the case in that part of his voluminous correspondence relating to the transmission of the action of this Grand Lodge had in reference to the death of P. G. Rep. John J. Davies, of NewYork, to the widow of the deceased. The delicate and touching terms in which this action was conveyed, the kind expressions of sympathy, and the breathings of the true spirit of Odd-Fellowship contained in the communication, afford a renewed evidence of the truth that our institution is not a selfish one, but that its influence upon the heart is of the purest and most softening character, and that those most intimately connected with the executive department of the Order, and who would soonest lose sight of the sentiments in the business details committed to them for execution, are most thoroughly imbued with the purest and tenderest spirit which characterizes the institution.

And similar feelings of gratification are produced in the minds of your committee by reading the correspondence connected with the presentation of the portrait of P. G. Sire Boylston, deceased, to his estimable widowed lady.

Your committee do not feel that the expresson of such sentiments of gratification with the action of the R. W. Grand Secretary is an act of excessive flattery, but is a mere act of justice to a faithful officer, and is a proof also that the sentiments therein expressed are coincided in by the members of the committee.

The correspondence on the subject of introducing our Order into France has been considered, and we concur in the views of P. G. Sire Kennedy, that it is inexpedient at this time to do so.

The proceedings of State Grand Bodies that have been placed in our hands exhibit an increase of the Order. We believe that it would add very much to the interest of the Order if the D. D. G. M's were required to visit every Lodge in their districts and report fully the condition thereof. Your committee heartily commend the Grand Patriarch of Grand Encampment of Ohio for the rebuke he administers in his address on the subject of electioneering in our Order.

Respectfully submitted.

WM. J. HOKE,
C. A. MARVIN,
C. G. MAURO.
E. DANA BANCROFT,
W. C. BECKETT.

Rep. HOKE, of North Carolina, from the Committee on Correspondence, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Correspondence recommend that the communication from L. F. Zantzinger, Grand Secretary of the Grand Encampment of Alabama, be referred to the Committee on the State of the Order, and the letters from J. P. Hughes to the Committee on Finance.

WM. J. HOKE,
C. A. MARVIN,
W. C. BECKETT,
C. G. MAURO,
E. DANA BANCROFT.

Rep. TERWILLIGER, of New York, from the Committee on Finance, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Finance, to whom was referred so much of the report of the M. W. Grand Sire and R. W. Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary as relates to the condition of pecuniary aid to Southern jurisdictions, report that they have given the matter a careful consideration, and come to the conclusion that the whole subject had better be placed in the hands of the officers of this Grand Lodge, to be disposed of as to them seems most proper.

From the report of the Grand Treasurer it appears that up to September 16, 1867, there had been contributed from State Lodges and Encampments the sum of $11,195. This, with the $1,000 appropriated by this Grand Lodge last year, makes a total now on hand and subject to order of $12,195. This sum will undoubtedly be further increased by future contributions, and, therefore, in the opinion of the committee, no further appropriation is now necessary from this Grand Lodge.

The committee recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the M. W. Grand Sire, the R. W. Deputy Grand Sire, the R. W. Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary, and the R. W. Grand Treasurer be appointed a committee to disburse the Southern Jurisdiction Relief Fund in such manner as in their judgment will most conduce to the welfare of the Lodges and Encampments for whom this friendly aid has been proposed. Respectfully submitted.

JAS. TERWILLIGER,
H. L. PAGE,
C. A. LOGAN,
JOHN H. BAILEY,
F. BOTSFORD.

Rep. TERWILLIGER, of New York, from the Committee on Finance, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Finance Committee, having examined the books and report of the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer, find the same correct, with the pro-

per vouchers for the items of disbursements, for the year ending September 16, 1867.

The balance in the Treasury, as shown by the report of the Grand Treasurer, at session of 1866, was	$18,894 86
The amount received by the Grand Treasurer for the year ending September 16, 1867, from all sources, was	29,660 89
	$48,555 75
Paid ordinary expenses	28,243 54
Leaving cash balance	$20,312 21
United States 5-20 Bonds, par value	4,000 00
Notes Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments Georgia and South Carolina	450 00
Supplies on hand, selling prices	13,635 00
Total assets Grand Lodge	$38,397 21

Respectfully submitted.

JAS. TERWILLIGER,
JOHN H. BAILEY,
H. L. PAGE,
F. BOTSFORD,
C. A. LOGAN.

The hour of 3½ having arrived, the Chair declared the Lodge adjourned until Friday morning at 9 o'clock, pursuant to the order to that effect.

FRIDAY, September 20, 1867—9 o'clock A. M.

The R. W. Grand Lodge assembled this day, pursuant to adjournment. Present:

JAMES P. SANDERS.....M. W. Grand Sire.
E. D. FARNSWORTH.....R. W. Deputy Grand Sire.
JAMES L. RIDGELY.....R. W. Grand Cor. and Rec. Secretary.
JOSHUA VANSANT.....R. W. Grand Treasurer.
REV. I. D. WILLIAMSON.....R. W. Grand Chaplain.
JOHN S. HEISS.....R. W. Grand Marshal.
JOHN P. FOSS.....R. W. Grand Guardian.
JOHN E. CHAMBERLAIN.....R. W. Grand Messenger.

And a Representation from a quorum of Grand Bodies.

Prayer by Rev. I. D. WILLIAMSON, R. W. Grand Chaplain.

The R. W. Deputy Grand Sire, having examined the Representatives, by order of the M. W. Grand Sire declared the Lodge open for business.

On motion of Rep. BABCOCK, of Ohio, the reading of the Journal of yesterday was dispensed with.

The Grand Sire presented a communication from Bro. R. MORRIS SWANDER, of Spring Garden Lodge, No. 99, jurisdiction of Pennsylvania, accompanied by a copy of his chirographic portrait of P. G. Sire THOMAS WILDEY, which he presents to the Grand Lodge as an expression of his high respect for the Body.

Rep. VEITCH, of Missouri, P. G. Sire, moved the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the chirographic portrait of P. G. Sire WILDEY, produced by Brother R. MORRIS SWANDER, of Pennsylvania, out of the eulogy of Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary JAMES L. RIDGELY, and presented to this Grand Lodge, be and the same is hereby accepted, and the thanks of this body are cordially tendered to the author for the production of so remarkable a work.

The call for reports from Standing Committees being in progress—

Rep. STOKES, of Pennsylvania, from the Committee on the State of the Order, made the following report, which was adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

Your Committee on the State of the Order, to which was referred the following resolution, presented by Rep. HODGES, of Massachusetts: "*Resolved*, That the 26th of April in each year—it being the anniversary of the introduction of Odd-Fellowship into this country—be adopted as a standing Thanksgiving Day of the Order, and that all Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments be requested to urge their Subordinates to observe the day in some appropriate manner," having considered the subject, are favorably disposed to the adoption of the same; but finding it more properly belonging to the Legislative Committee, respectfully recommend the following:

Resolved, That the subject be referred to the Legislative Committee, and that this committee be discharged from its further consideration.

J. W. STOKES,
JOS. B. ESCAVAILLE,
ALEX. McKINSTRY,
SAMUEL W. HODGES.

Rep. FITZHUGH, of Virginia, from the Legislative Committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Legislative Committee, to whom the resolution of Rep. WOODYATT, of Canada West, in relation to changing the name of this Grand Lodge had been referred, beg leave to report that, in the opinion of this committee, it is inexpedient to legislate on this subject, and the committee ask to be discharged from its further consideration.

EDW. H. FITZHUGH,
THOS. T. SMILEY,
J. ALEX. SIMPSON,
SAMUEL WILLARD.

Rep. FITZHUGH, of Virginia, from the Legislative Committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table, under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Legislative Committee have had under consideration the following resolution, offered by Rep. PEARSON, of Massachusetts, viz.: "*Resolved*, That Subordinate Lodges and Encampments may re-elect their officers, and that all laws to the contrary be and are hereby repealed;" and beg leave to report that they cannot find that this Grand Lodge has ever legislated upon this subject, but apparently it has been left to local regulation. The committee are of opinion that this right should remain under the control of the several State, District, and Territorial Grand Jurisdictions, and in order to remove all doubt on the subject, recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

"*Resolved*, That the right of Subordinate Lodges and Encampments to re-elect their officers is under the control of the several State, District, and Territorial Grand Bodies.

EDW. H. FITZHUGH,
THOS. T. SMILEY,
SAMUEL WILLARD,
J. ALEXANDER SIMPSON.

Rep. FITZHUGH, of Virginia, from the Legislative Committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Legislative Committee, to whom the following resolution of Rep. HUNTER, of Louisiana, has been referred, viz.: "*Resolved*, That the term of service for officers of Subordinate Lodges and Encampments be twelve months, and that all laws of this R. W. Grand Body to the contrary be and they are hereby repealed;" submit the following report: That the term of office now fixed by law has been established for many years, the Order has greatly prospered under the existing term of service, and the committee think it would be unwise to make the change contemplated by the resolution. They, therefore, recommend that it be not adopted.

Respectfully submitted.

EDW. W. FITZHUGH,
THOMAS T. SMILEY,
J. ALEXANDER SIMPSON,
SAMUEL WILLARD.

Rep. FITZHUGH, of Virginia, from the Legislative Committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Legislative Committee, to whom the resolution of Rep. WOODYATT, in relation to changing the name of the Grand Lodge of Canada West was referred, beg leave to report that, in the opinion of the committee, the change asked for ought to be made. The committee recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the name of the Grand Lodge of Canada West be and the same is hereby changed, and that jurisdiction shall hereafter be known and

hailed as the "Grand Lodge of Ontario," and the Charter, Constitution and By-Laws of that jurisdiction conform to the change of name hereby made.

Respectfully submitted.

EDW. H. FITZHUGH,
THOMAS T. SMILEY,
J. ALEXANDER SIMPSON,
SAMUEL WILLARD.

Rep. FITZHUGH, of Virginia, from the Legislative Committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Legislative Committee, to whom the resolution of Rep. DANNALS, of California, in relation to confining the power to vote for Grand Officers in certain cases to Representatives, beg leave to report that the right of a Past Grand in good standing to vote for Grand Officers is an inherent vested right, of which he cannot be deprived. The committee therefore recommend that they be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

EDW. H. FITZHUGH,
THOMAS T. SMILEY,
J. ALEXANDER SIMPSON,
SAMUEL WILLARD.

Rep. HOKE, of North Carolina, moved the following resolution, which was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That this Grand Lodge, profoundly and affectionately appreciating the fraternal courtesies and generous hospitalities which have been tendered to its officers and members by the brethren of New York, hereby refers to a special committee of five, to be appointed by the Chair, the subject of presenting, in appropriate form, suitable resolutions expressive of its high sense of the honor conferred.

The Lodge now, pursuant to the special order to that effect, resolved itself into secret session, for instruction in the work.

After some time spent in secret session the Lodge resumed its ordinary business.

Rep. LAMBERTON, of Pennsylvania, from the Committee on Appeals, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Appeals, to whom was referred the appeal of OMAR SYLVESTER and others, lately members of Albany Lodge, No. 4, from the action of the Grand Lodge of Oregon in reference to Albany Lodge, respectfully report:

That, from the documents in the case presented to this Grand Lodge, it appears that the charter of Albany Lodge was reclaimed because it appeared in evidence "that flagrant violations of the laws and usages of the Order had been permitted and indulged in, both by the Lodge and its members." It is alleged by the appellants that this was done without notice or trial. Whilst your committee is willing to waive any mere technical irregularity or informality to reach the merits of an appeal, yet, in this case, the

allegations are so important that we must insist, before decisive action by this body, that all questions of fact involved in the appeal be settled definitely by the Grand Lodge of Oregon, and be certified under its seal and the signatures of its executive officer and Grand Secretary, as required by the law of this Grand Lodge. (Dig., page 10, Sec. 19.) And, further, that the appellants must furnish, printed in pamphlet form, their appeal and the papers relating thereto. (Dig., page 9, Sec. 9.) This they have not done. Your committee, therefore, offer the following resolution:

Resolved, That this appeal be referred back for informality.

R. A. LAMBERTON,
BENJ. KINGSBURY, JR.
WILLIAM THAYER,
THOMAS G. STEELE.

Rep. DOWDEN, of Kentucky, from the Committee on Constitutions, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Constitutions, to whom were referred certain amendments to the Constitution of the Grand Encampment of the State of New Jersey, adopted at their last session, have examined the same and recommend the following:

Resolved, That the amendments to the Constitution of the Grand Encampment of New Jersey, above mentioned, be approved.

Respectfully submitted.

M. S. DOWDEN,
DANL. FITHIAN,
B. W. DENNIS,
R. B. MAYES,
J. F. DRISCOL.

Rep. HOMES, of Louisiana, rose in his place and addressed the Grand Lodge as follows:

MOST WORTHY GRAND SIRE: I am deputed to make the melancholy announcement of the demise of Past Grand Representative HENRY BIER, who died in New Orleans, La., Oct. 26, 1866.

Many members of this Grand Body may attest the zeal and activity that our deceased brother displayed during the session of 1854; and I myself can assert, with pride, that in the performance of his duties elsewhere, and as a member of the Grand Lodge of Louisiana, he labored with all the great powers that nature so liberally bestowed upon him. His devotion to our Order shone with the brightest lustre while acting as Grand Secretary of the jurisdiction of Louisiana, an office he held for the last eight years of his mortal career. Had he confined himself to this especial duty, he yet might be enjoying the blessings of life; but his heart was too expansive, and it led him into other fields of usefulness to exhaust his vitality. He was distinguished as a member of the "Firemen's Charitable Association," "Howard Association," "Odd-Fellows' Rest," "Widows and Orphans General Relief Association," and of the "Masonic Fraternity," all identified with Louisiana and charitable in their objects. He who stands foremost in such labors of love must have all the requirements that are noble and good! Classed as such an one was our dearly beloved brother Henry Bier, who worked with assiduity while his strength lasted, and then, to crown his glory, God transplanted him to a brighter clime, where the good seeds sown in life will bear the fruit of immortality.

Rep. WILLARD, of Illinois, moved the following, which was referred to the Committee on Returns:

Resolved, That hereafter all Grand Bodies shall give in their Annual Reports to this Grand Lodge a summary in the following form:

1. Number of members reported last report.....
2. Initiated since last report.....
3. Admitted by card since last report.....
4. Readmitted after loss of membership by non-payment .....
5. Reinstated after loss of membership by offence.....
6. Increase by revival of defunct Subordinates.....
7. Increase by incoming of reports from Subordinates not reporting in season for last reports.....
8. Increase by correction of deficiency of number in former reports of Subordinates .....

9. Total.....

10. Expelled for offence.....
11. Suspended for offence.....
12. Withdrawn by card.....
13. Resigned from the Order.....
14. Lost to membership by non-payment of dues.....
15. Deceased.....
16. Loss by Subordinates which have become defunct..
17. Loss by failure of Subordinates to report.....
18. Loss by correction of error of excess in former reports of Subordinates.....

19. Total deductions.....

20. Difference—number of present members.....

Resolved, That all Grand Bodies shall require such reports from Subordinates as will furnish the material for the above summary, and the summary must agree with the items in the other part of the report, and be consistent with itself.

Resolved, That the form for Annual Returns shall hereafter contain the above form of summary.

Resolved, That the reports from the Subordinates under the immediate jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge shall be with summary like the above, omitting items 6, 7, 16 and 17; and the R. W. Grand Secretary is hereby instructed to furnish proper forms for the reports of such Subordinates.

The hour of 12 having arrived, the Chair declared the Lodge at recess for thirty minutes, pursuant to the order to that effect.

TWELVE AND A HALF O'CLOCK.

The Lodge reassembled pursuant to the order for recess—

When, on motion, it was again resolved into secret session.

After some time spent in secret session the Lodge resumed its ordinary business.

Rep. FITZHUGH, of Virginia, from the Legislative Committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Legislative Committee, to whom the report of the Committee on the State of the Order in relation to a paper purporting to be a diploma for the lady members of the degree of Rebekah has been referred, in obedience to instructions recommend the following resolutions:

Resolved, That State Grand Bodies are hereby required to expel from their own membership and Subordinate Lodges and Encampments to expel from the Order any member thereof who shall attach to any chart, certificate, diploma, or other document any copy or impression of the seal of this Grand Lodge, or of the seal of any Grand or Subordinate Lodge of which he has not the official use and custody.

Resolved, That the above named Bodies shall inflict the same penalty upon any member knowingly publishing or circulating any diploma or certificate purporting to be by authority of the Order which is not authorized by law.

Respectfully submitted.

EDW. H. FITZHUGH,
J. ALEXANDER SIMPSON,
THOS. T. SMILEY,
SAMUEL WILLARD.

Rep. DOWDEN, of Kentucky, from the Committee on Constitutions, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

Your Committee on Constitutions, to whom was referred certain amendments to the Constitution of the Grand Encampment of Connecticut, adopted at their last session, have considered the same, and append the following:

Resolved, That the amendments to the Constitution of the Grand Encampment of Connecticut be approved.

Fraternally submitted.

M. S. DOWDEN,
DANL. FITHIAN,
B. W. DENNIS,
R. B. MAYES,
J. F. DRISCOL.

Rep. DOWDEN, of Kentucky, from the Committee on Constitutions, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Constitutions have carefully considered the amendments to the Constitution of the R. W. Grand Lodge of Connecticut, and propose the following:

Resolved, That the amendments to the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Connecticut, above referred to, be approved.

Respectfully submitted.

M. S. DOWDEN,
DANL. FITHIAN,
B. W. DENNIS,
R. B. MAYES,
J. F. DRISCOL.

Rep. STOKES, of Pennsylvania, from the Committee on the State of the Order, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was referred "the several decisions of law made by the R. W. Grand Sire during the recess," respectfully report:

That in reference to the *first*, *second*, *third*, *fifth*, *sixth*, and *seventh*, they fully concur, as being in conformity to the laws and usages of the Order, and recommend their approval.

That in reference to the *fourth*, they are of opinion that the Grand Sire was going too far in deciding that "all acts done by the Lodge during such time are illegal." While it is undoubtedly the duty of the Vice Grand to preside over the Lodge in the absence of the Noble Grand, we cannot close our eyes to the fact that the cases and circumstances are numerous, upon occasions of initiation and grand visitation, when there might be great propriety in the acting Noble Grand calling to his assistance the best experience of the Lodge. With this modification of the decision they recommend its approval.

That in reference to the *eighth*, they are of the opinion that the conflicting opinions on this subject and the different modes of practice in the State Jurisdictions should be harmonized, and therefore dissent from this decision so as to discourage all practices of informal modes of procedure, and *recommend* the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That a Subordinate Lodge, before proceeding to ballot to advance brothers in the degrees, must be closed in the initiatory degree in form and manner as prescribed in the Charge Book, and, after having been regularly closed in the form provided, the Lodge must then be opened in the degree or degrees applied for in the form and manner provided in the Degree Charge Book, page 3, after which they may open in the initiatory degree and close in due form.

That, in reference to the *ninth* decision, your committee find that it has been partially sustained by this Grand Lodge, but leaving the local and Subordinate Lodges to decide for themselves in special cases of physical deformity, (see Journal, 1864, page 3621;) and it now remains for this Grand Lodge for the first time to decide whether they will prohibit the initiation into the Order of all persons whose physical deformity prevents a compliance with the requirements and laws of the Order.

And in order that the Grand Lodge may now have an opportunity to settle this question, we recommend the adoption of this decision.

J. W. STOKES,
JOS. B. ESCAVAILLE,
ALEX. McKINSTRY,
SAM'L. W. HODGES,
T. B. McCARTY.

Rep. STOKES, of Pennsylvania, from the Committee on the State of the Order, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was referred so much of the M. W. Grand Sire's report "as refers to, approves of, and commends" the Tract on Odd-Fellowship, respectfully report:

That they have carefully examined the Tract referred to, and find that in its preparation the objects aimed at, and as set forth in the report of the special committee of last session, (upon whose recommendation the committee was appointed, Journal, 1866, page 3958,) has been fully and clearly set forth; and we are of the opinion that it will supply a void heretofore

greatly needed in the Order, and recommend its adoption as an exemplification of the aims and objects of Odd-Fellowship, and advise as general a distribution of the Tract as possible.

J. W. STOKES,
JOS. B. ESCAVAILLE,
T. B. McCARTY,
SAM'L W. HODGES.

Rep. SIMPSON, of Pennsylvania, from the Legislative Committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W Grand Lodge of the United States:

We, your Legislative Committee, to whom was referred the resolution of Rep. TERWILLIGER on the subject of the adoption of a suitable form of installation for Degree Lodges, (page 4160, Journal,) respectfully report that there is not time sufficient to prepare and present a form for the purpose indicated in the resolution of Rep. TERWILLIGER. They would recommend the appointment of a special committee to prepare, during the recess, and to present at the next session, such form as may be deemed suitable, and that this committee be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

J. ALEXANDER SIMPSON,
THOMAS T. SMILEY,
SAMUEL WILLARD.

Rep. THAYER, of South Carolina, from the Committee on Appeals, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Appeals, to whom was referred the appeal of Mount Libanus Encampment, No. 68, I. O. O. F., of Pennsylvania, against the decision of the R. W. Grand Encampment of Pennsylvania, respectfully report:

That the above appeal has been submitted in printed form, but with no other certificate from the Grand Body than an informal one of the M. W. G. Patriarch. Your committee are aware of the printed proceedings of the Grand Encampment of Pennsylvania and sundry other documents being accessible to them, whereby the merits of the case might be readily arrived at. But this Grand Body has so definitely fixed the form in which appeals should be submitted (see Digest, p. 10, Sec. 19, on Appeals) that your committee feel themselves bound to report this appeal as not conforming to the prescribed regulations, and therefore ask to be discharged from the consideration of the same, recommending the return of the appeal as submitted to Mount Libanus Encampment for proper authentication.

Respectfully submitted.

WILLIAM THAYER,
BENJ. KINGSBURY, JR.,
THOS. G. STEELE.

Rep. LOGAN, of Kansas, from the Committee on Finance, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the communication from Ridgely Encampment, No. 1, of Nebraska city, would respectfully report:

That the petitioners for the charter of this Encampment, which was

granted at the session of 1862, claim, in the communication before the committee, that they stipulated in their petition that their application was conditioned upon a remission of the charter fee by this R. W. Body. The committee have not been able to inspect the original petition, being filed in the Grand Secretary's office in Baltimore; but this they do not consider essential to the proper adjudication of the case. The conditions upon which Subordinate Lodges and Encampments may be chartered are matters of specific regulation with this Grand Lodge, and can only be departed from by repealing or amending legislation. The committee have examined the records in relation to the chartering of Ridgely Encampment, and can find no legislation by which the charter fee was agreed to be remitted in connection therewith; but, on the contrary, that the proceedings were those usual and common to the prescribed methods of chartering new subordinate bodies. Whatever may have been the understanding of the petitioners at the time, the true status of the case is, undoubtedly, as herein expressed by your committee. They would therefore recommend that you adopt the following resolution:

Resolved, That the R. W. Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary be requested to notify Ridgely Encampment, No. 1, at Nebraska city, that said Encampment is indebted to this Grand Lodge for its charter fee.

Respectfully submitted.

C. A. LOGAN,
JAS. TERWILLIGER,
H. L. PAGE,
F. BOTSFORD,
JOHN H. BAILEY.

Past G. Rep. GRISWOLD, of Illinois, from the Special Committee appointed at the last session, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Special Committee appointed at the last session of this R. W. Grand Body, with instructions to report at this session a "uniform law prohibiting expulsions for non-payment of dues and regulating suspensions for the same cause," have earnestly considered the matter, and present the following as offering what seems to them the only feasible plan of adjusting this vexed question in such a manner as, while such privileges as delinquent members may have or can justly claim from their connection with the Order may be secured to them, the more prompt paying portion of the fraternity shall be in nowise prejudiced in their rights and immunities.

The subject-matter of this report having been fully treated in the report of the Legislative Committee at the last session, (Journal, 3993,) your committee deem it unnecessary to add anything here beyond the resolutions hereto attached, which are respectfully submitted for your approval, viz.:

Resolved, That it shall not be legal to expel or suspend members of this Order for non-payment of dues.

Resolved, That any member of a Subordinate Lodge or Encampment of this Order failing to pay his regular dues, as required by the by-laws of such Subordinate, until the arrears thereof, exclusive of fines and assessments, are equal in amount to one year's dues, shall be held to have voluntarily resigned his membership in such Subordinate, and shall be dropped from the roll thereof; and he shall take rank in the Order, from and after such dropping from the roll, as an Ancient Odd-Fellow: *Provided*, *however*, that no member shall be thus dropped while under charges for misconduct.

Resolved, That any person thus dropped may be readmitted to membership, either in his former Subordinate or in any other of the jurisdictions of this Order, subject to the general and local laws regarding residence, upon

application, in the same manner as may be required of a candidate for initiation; and he shall pay an admission fee, in no case to exceed the customary initiation fee provided for by the by-laws of the Subordinate to which such application may be made; and he shall take such rank only in such Subordinate as he may prove himself entitled to.

Resolved, That the provisions of these resolution shall apply to all persons heretofore suspended, expelled, or dropped from membership for non-payment of dues, and for no other cause, and to members of defunct Subordinate Lodges or Encampments.

Resolved, That the foregoing resolutions shall have the full force and effect of positive law, and shall go into operation from and after the adoption thereof by this Grand Body. State Grand Bodies are hereby directed to promulgate the same, for the instruction of their Subordinates, without unnecessary delay; and further, to make all local legislation necessary to give effect hereto in their several jurisdictions.

Resolved, That the R. W. G. C. and R. Secretary is hereby instructed to forward copies of these resolutions to the several State Grand Bodies, and to the Subordinates under the immediate jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of the United States, as soon as may be practicable after the adjournment of this Body.

J. GRISWOLD,
JOHN G. DIETZ.

Rep. TERWILLIGER, of New York, from the Finance Committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Finance Committee have been placed in possession of a communication from H. W. ABERNETHY, Secretary of Mountain Lodge, No. 19, located at Lincolnton, N. C., certifying that on or about July 15, 1866, he mailed to the Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary ten dollars, ordering therefor bound Journal of Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of the United States, and that no answer or books have been received. Inasmuch as this Grand Lodge cannot be responsible for money sent unless by draft, payable to the order of the Grand Secretary or Treasurer, or by post office order or registered letter, the committee offer the following resolution:

Resolved, That the committee be discharged from the further consideration of said communication.

JAS. TERWILLIGER,
H. L. PAGE,
C. A. LOGAN,
JOHN H. BAILEY,
F. BOTSFORD.

Rep. TERWILLIGER, of New York, from the Finance Committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Finance Committee recommend that, in view of the important aid rendered by P. G. Rep. JAMES YOUNG in assisting in the printing of the proceedings of this session, the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the R. W. Grand Treasurer be authorized to pay Bro. YOUNG the same rate per diem and mileage as is paid to Representatives.

JAS. TERWILLIGER,
H. L. PAGE,
C. A. LOGAN,
JOHN H. BAILEY,
F. BOTSFORD.

Rep. TERWILLIGER, of New York, from the Finance Committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Finance Committee submit the following estimates of receipts and expenditures for the current year, viz.:

ESTIMATED RECEIPTS.

Representative Tax from Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments...	$7,950 00
For sale of Cards	6,000 00
For sale of Odes	1,000 00
For sale of Diplomas	1,000 00
For sale of Books	7,000 00
Due from Subordinate Lodges and Encampments under immediate jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge	500 00
	$23,450 00

ESTIMATES OF EXPENDITURE.

Mileage and Per Diem	$14,750 00
Printing Revised Journal	2,500 00
Grand Secretary's Salary	2,000 00
Grand Treasurer's "	400 00
Grand Messenger's "	1,400 00
Printing Daily Journal	650 00
Rent Grand Secretary's Office and Fuel	275 00
Donation to Southern Jurisdictions of last year	1,000 00
Printing Cards	700 00
Printing Odes	300 00
Printing Charge Books	300 00
Printing Degree Books	250 00
Printing Diplomas	100 00
Printing Encampment Installation Books	100 00
Contingent Fund	900 00
Postage and Express	400 00
Grand Rep. Ellis, for preparing Digest and Index to Journal of Proceedings Grand Lodge United States	300 00
Printing Encampment Charge Books	250 00
Printing Form Book of Public Installation, Funeral Services, &c..	200 00
Repair of Card Plates	100 00
	$26,875 00

Resolved, That the estimated amount of receipts be and is hereby appropriated, or so much thereof as may be necessary for the expenses of the Grand Lodge, and that the Grand Secretary be authorized to issue his warrant for the same on the Grand Treasurer.

JAMES TERWILLIGER,
H. L. PAGE,
C. A. LOGAN,
JOHN H. BAILEY,
F. BOTSFORD.

Rep. BRAGG, of Arkansas, laid on the table the following amendments to the Constitution:

By Rep. BRAGG, of Arkansas, seconded by Reps. JNO. MATHESON, of Lower Provinces, H. B. ANDREWS, of Texas, and R. A. LAMBERTON, of Pennsylvania:

Amend Section 5 of Article I by striking out the words "by a unanimous vote," and inserting in lieu thereof the words "with the concurrence of eleven-twelfths of the members."

Rep. MCLEAN, of the District of Columbia, from the Committee on Printing, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Printing have considered the proposals for printing the Journal of Proceedings of the Session of 1867, from Bros. JAS. YOUNG and JOHN Y. SLATER, of Baltimore, and respectfully report that they have determined to award the contract to Bro. JAS. YOUNG, he being the lowest bidder.

There was also another proposal from Bro. JOHN MEDOLE, of New York city, but as it was not received until after the time for receiving propositions to do the work had expired, it could not be considered by your committee.

The adoption of the following resolutions is recommended:

Resolved, That the R. W. Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary be and he is hereby authorized to contract with Bro. JAMES YOUNG for printing of the Revised Journal of Proceedings of the present session, in accordance with the proposal herewith submitted; and marked "Accepted."

Resolved, That the quality of paper marked "Accepted by the Committee on Printing," at a cost of $9.90 per ream, be used by the contractor for printing the proceedings aforesaid.

WM. R. McLEAN,
G. L. TOWNSEND,
JOHN G. DEITZ,
JOHN B. GLENN,
WM. H. FOULK.

Rep. LOGAN, of Kansas, from the Committee on Finance, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

Your Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the communication from the Grand Encampment of North Carolina, asking for an indulgence in the matter of indebtedness until the work of reorganization is more fully accomplished, would submit the following resolution:

Resolved, That the R. W. Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary be authorized to take the note of the Grand Encampment of North Carolina for its indebtedness to this Grand Body, payable one year after date.

C. A. LOGAN,
JAS. TERWILLIGER,
H. L. PAGE,
JOHN H. BAILEY,
F. BOTSFORD.

Rep. PAGE, of Wisconsin, from the Committee on Finance, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Finance have had under consideration the communication from Excelsior Lodge, No. 1, at Honolulu, Sandwich Islands, relating to a claim made by that Lodge against this Grand Lodge for the sum of $131.50, and report the following as the result of such investigation:

It appears by the Grand Secretary's account with Excelsior Lodge that it was indebted to this Grand Body for dues and supplies furnished, $359.75, against which said Lodge had several items of credit prior to the session of this Grand Lodge in 1866, amounting to $228.45, and leaving a balance at that time due this Grand Lodge of $131.30. Excelsior Lodge then claimed that this balance had been paid over to one R. A. S. WOOD, the District Deputy Grand Sire for that jurisdiction, and exhibited his receipt therefor. That officer has up to this time failed to transmit that collection to this Grand Lodge; but this body at its session in 1866 acknowledged such payment, and by resolution (page 3972 of Journal) directed the Grand Secretary to credit Excelsior Lodge the sum of $131.30, and charge the same to District Deputy Grand Sire WOOD. The books of the Grand Secretary show a credit of $131.30 at that time made to Excelsior Lodge in pursuance of instructions, and which, according to the Secretary's books, was required to make such account balance, and it does not appear from the books and vouchers placed in the hands of your committee that Excelsior Lodge has any further claim against this Grand Lodge.

The committee report the following resolution:

Resolved, That Excelsior Lodge, No. 1, have leave to withdraw its claim.

Respectfully submitted.

H. L. PAGE,
JAS. TERWILLIGER,
JOHN H. BAILEY,
C. A. LOGAN,
F. BOTSFORD.

Rep. Ross, of New Jersey, from the Committee on Returns, made the following report, which was laid on the table, under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Returns respectfully report that they have examined the annual reports submitted to them, and find that the amended form of returns ordered at the last session has caused some improvement in the reports of the last as compared with those of former years, yet many errors in the reports presented have been discovered. The only reports entirely correct are those from the Grand Lodges of Maryland, Louisiana, New Jersey, Kentucky, Indiana, Illinois, South Carolina, Iowa, Oregon and Nevada; the Grand Encampments of Maryland, Pennsylvania, Connecticut, New Jersey, District of Columbia, Wisconsin, Illinois, Iowa, and California.

The following are incorrect on account of discrepancies in the number of members reported this year, as shown by the recapitulation on each report: Grand Lodges—Massachusetts, New York, District of Columbia, Delaware, Virginia, Missouri, Connecticut, Texas, North Carolina, Maine, New Hampshire, Michigan, Arkansas, Nebraska, Canada West, West Virginia, Wisconsin, Minnesota, California. Grand Encampments—New York, Ohio, Kentucky, Virginia, South Carolina, Massachusetts, Maine, New Hampshire, Missouri, Indiana, Michigan, Tennessee, Mississippi, Louisiana, Delaware, West Virginia, and Kansas.

The following are incorrect for the reasons set forth in each case:

Grand Lodges.—Pennsylvania reports 84 expelled, and gives names and cause of 69. Ohio, 70 expelled, names and cause of 68; no suspensions reported, but 815 entered in the summary as "dropped." Alabama not signed

by the Grand Secretary. Vermont not in form; not signed by the Grand Master, and incorrect in other respects. Tennessee, names and cause of suspensions and expulsions not given. Georgia, names and cause of expulsion not given. Rhode Island, no seal attached. Florida, names and cause of expulsion not given. Lower Provinces, names and cause of expulsion not given. Kansas, names and cause of expulsion not given.

Grand Encampments.—Georgia, names and cause of expulsion not given. Alabama, not in form, and no seal. Rhode Island, no seal attached, the seal is now being engraved.) Texas, seal pasted on.

The reports from Subordinate Lodges and Encampments under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge are not in proper printed form, and many of them are incorrect in other particulars.

No report has been received from the Grand Lodge of Mississippi and the Grand Encampment of North Carolina.

It is but just to the Grand Secretaries and Grand Scribes to say that the discrepancies found have occurred from Subordinates failing to report, or from suspension or reinstatement of Lodges, for which cases no provisions have been made in the present form of annual returns.

As it is important that the returns should present a correct statement of the condition of the membership, and as the present form, in the absence of particular instructions as to the proper entry of the number of members attached to defunct Lodges and revived Lodges has failed to produce a uniformity of practice on the part of Grand Secretaries and Grand Scribes, the committee offer the following for your consideration:

Resolved, That on all blank forms for "Annual Returns," hereafter issued, there shall be printed the following:

Instructions to Grand Secretaries and Grand Scribes.—When Subordinates fail to report, you will consider them, in making your report to this Grand Lodge, as returning the same number of members as in their last report.

When a Subordinate is expelled, you will enter the number of members they last reported as "expelled," and state the cause.

When a Subordinate forfeits its charter, or becomes extinct by failing to report, you will (unless cards are issued to the members by officers of the Grand Bodies) enter the number of members last reported as "suspended," and state the cause.

When a Subordinate has its charter returned and is recognized, the number of members receiving the charter are to be returned as "*reinstated*," unless they hold withdrawal cards or certificates, in which case all holders of cards or certificates are to be entered as "*admitted by card.*"

When withdrawal cards (or certificates having the same effect) are issued by officers of Grand Bodies to members of defunct Subordinates who have been previously returned as "*suspended*" or "*expelled*," you will enter them as "*reinstated*" and "*withdrawn by card.*"

In the first return from a newly organized Grand Body the number of members in the Subordinates should be entered as "*admitted by card*," and the body to which they were previously attached should enter them as "*withdrawn by card.*"

All members reported by Subordinates as "*dropped*" should be entered as "*suspended*," and those reported as "*resigned*" should be entered as "*withdrawn by card.*"

The names of those expelled and suspended "*for offence*" should be entered and *numbered.*

Resolved, That the particular attention of Grand Secretaries and Grand Scribes, and the Secretaries of Subordinate Lodges and Scribes of Subordinate Encampments under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, be directed to the importance of using their best efforts to procure correct reports of the work of the Subordinates.

Resolved, That the R. W. G. Cor. and Recording Secretary be requested to furnish to Subordinates under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge blank

forms containing all the provisions required by the resolution adopted by this Grand Lodge. Respectfully submitted.

THEO. A. ROSS,
C. D. STRONG,
J. MARIS,
W. H. THOMPSON.

Rep. BAILEY, of Pennsylvania, moved the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the Grand Encampment of Pennsylvania have leave to hold its next Annual Session at Pittsburg.

On motion of Rep. LAMBERTON, of Pennsylvania, the Lodge proceeded to the consideration of the reports of Standing Committees, in the order in which they appear on the Journal.

The first report, being from the Committee on Petitions, page 4154, confirming the warrants granted in the jurisdiction of Minnesota during the recess for Subordinate Encampments, was considered and adopted.

The next report, from the same committe, page 4155, authorizing a duplicate charter to the Grand Encampment of Louisiana, was considered and adopted.

The next report, same committee, page 4155, confirming the warrants of the Grand Sire upon instituting the Subordinate Encampments instituted in Colorado during the recess, was considered and adopted.

The next report, from the same committee, page 4155, on the subject of the degree of Rebekah, was considered and adopted.

The next report, from the same committee, page 4156, on confirming the warrant of Montano Lodge, No. 1, Montano, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 4156, from the Committee on Appeals, on the appeal of P. G. Masters RIDGELY, GAREY and MANTZ of Maryland, was considered and adopted.

The next report, being from the same committee, page 4158, on the appeal of G. Rep. JOHN H. WHITE, of New York, was considered.

The question being on the adoption of the resolution accompanying the report—

Rep. MAURO, of Missouri, raised the following point of order:

That the question now before this Grand Lodge arises under a local law of the jurisdiction of New York, and that the Grand Lodge of New York has full power and authority to construe its own laws, and having placed a construction on its own laws, the Grand Lodge of the United States has no power or authority to reverse it.

The Chair, Deputy Grand Sire FARNSWORTH presiding, ruled that the point was not well taken.

Rep. MAURO, of Missouri, appealed from the decision of the Chair, and the question being "Shall the decision of the Chair stand as the judgment of the Lodge?"

Rep. MCKINSTRY, of Alabama, moved the previous question, which, being seconded by the Lodge, the main question was ordered and put as follows: "Shall the decision of the Chair stand as the judgment of the Lodge?" which was resolved in the affirmative.

The question now recurring on the adoption of the resolution accompanying the report of the Committee on Appeals, it was resolved in the affirmative.

The next report, page 4164, being from the Special Committee on the report of Rep. STUART, as Special Commissioner to the British Provinces, was considered and adopted.

The next report, being from the Committee on the State of the Order, page 4168, on the inquiry of Rep. CARTER, of Ohio, was considered.

Rep. CARTER, of Ohio, moved to recommit the report to the committee, with instructions to answer the inquiry propounded, which was agreed to, and the report was accordingly recommitted.

The next report, being from the Committee on Unfinished Business, page 4168, was considered and adopted.

On motion of Rep. TERWILLIGER, of New York, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That so much of the resolution adopted at this session as fixes the hour of adjournment at 3½ o'clock each day be suspended for this day.

The next report, being from the Special Committee, page 4170, on the distribution of the several subjects of the G. Sire and G. Secretary's reports, was considered and adopted; and the Chair named as the committee provided for by the resolution accompanying the report, P. G. Sires KENNEDY, NICHOLSON, and VEITCH.

The next report, being from the Committee on Finance, page 4175, on the investment of the surplus funds of the Grand Lodge of the United States, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 4176, from the Committee on Constitutions, on the amended Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Ohio, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 4176, from the same committee, on the

amended Constitution of the Grand Encampment of the District of Columbia, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 4176, from the same committee, on the amended Constitution of the Grand Encampment of Rhode Island, was considered and adopted.

The next report, from the Committee on the State of the Order, page 4177, upon the subject of the spurious diploma therein referred to, was considered and adopted.

The next report, from the same committee, page 4177, on the subject of weekly benefits of Subordinate Lodges, was considered and adopted.

The next report, from the Committee on Correspondence, page 4178, on the Correspondence of the Grand Officers, was considered and adopted.

The next report, from the same committee, page 4179, on the subject of two letters, the one from L. T. ZANTZINGER and the other from J. P. HUGHES, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 4179, from the Committee on Finance, on the subject of aid to the Southern Jurisdictions, was considered and adopted.

The next report, from same committee, page 4179, on the general finances and the accounts of the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer, was considered and adopted.

The Chair announced the following Special Committee:

Committee on Resolution of Rep. HOKE, of North Carolina, on thanks to the brethren of New York:

Reps. FITZHUGH, of Virginia; SMILEY, of Tennessee; MCKINSTRY, of Alabama; BARRY, of Indiana; VENABLE, of Kentucky.

Rep. ESCAVAILLE, of Maryland, from the Committee on the State of the Order, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on the State of the Order, to which was recommitted the report of the committee, page 4168, Journal, *with instructions to answer the query of Rep. Carter, of Ohio*, as found on page 4129, Journal, would respectfully report that they answer the question in the affirmative; that is to say, that the brother in question is entitled to rank as a *Past Grand*.

JOS. B. ESCAVAILLE,
J. W. STOKES,
SAM. W. HODGES,
T. B. MCCARTY,
ALEX. MCKINSTRY.

The Lodge now proceeded to the consideration of the unfinished business reported by the committee on that subject.

The first business, being the Report of the Special Committee on the Degree of Rebekah, page 3795, Journal, 1865, and the resolution accompanying, as follows, was considered:

Resolved, That the Degree of Rebekah be and is hereby abolished by the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States.

The question being on the adoption of the resolution—

On motion of Rep. BARRY, of Indiana, the subject was indefinitely postponed.

The next subject, pages 3997 to 4006 of the Journal of 1866, being the report of the Special Committee on the form of funeral services, was considered, and the question being on the adoption of the report—

Pending the consideration of the subject, the Lodge, on motion, adjourned until to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock.

SATURDAY, September 21, 1867—9 o'clock A. M.

The R. W. Grand Lodge assembled this day, pursuant to adjournment. Present:

JAMES P. SANDERS.....M. W. Grand Sire.
E. D. FARNSWORTH.....R. W. Deputy Grand Sire.
JAMES L. RIDGELY.....R. W. Grand Cor. and Rec. Secretary.
JOSHUA VANSANT.....R. W. Grand Treasurer.
REV. I. D. WILLIAMSON.....R. W. Grand Chaplain.
JOHN S. HEISS.....R. W. Grand Marshal.
JOHN P. FOSS.....R. W. Grand Guardian.
JOHN E. CHAMBERLAIN.....R. W. Grand Messenger

And a Representation from a quorum of Grand Bodies.

Prayer by Rev. I. D. WILLIAMSON, R. W. Grand Chaplain.

The R. W. Deputy Grand Sire, having examined the Representatives, by order of the M. W. Grand Sire declared the Lodge open for business.

On motion of Rep. LEECH, of Iowa, the reading of the Journal of yesterday was dispensed with.

The Lodge now proceeded to the consideration of the subject pending at the hour of adjournment on yesterday, to wit, the report of the special committee on the Form of Funeral Service.

The question being on the adoption of the Forms proposed—

On motion of Rep. HYLAND, of West Virginia, the subject was indefinitely postponed.

The next subject reported by the Committee on Unfinished Business, being the resolution of Rep. WHITE, of New York, in relation to granting cards by ballot, page 4013, Journal of 1866, was considered, as follows:

Resolved, That so much of the resolution, found on pages 3827 and 3828 of the Journal, 1865, as requires the vote to be by ballot, and as requires the granting of a certificate on the resignation of a member, be repealed.

The question being on the adoption of the resolution—

Rep. LEECH, of Iowa, moved to amend by striking out all after the word "resolved," and inserting as follows:

That the action of this R. W. Grand Lodge had upon the report of the Legislative Committee, to be found at pages 3827-8, Journal of last session, be and the same is hereby repealed.

Which amendment was accepted, by leave of the Lodge, by Rep. WHITE, of New York, and the resolution as thus amended was resolved in the negative.

Rep. SMITH, of Illinois, laid on the table the following amendment to the Constitution:

By Rep. SMITH, of Illinois, seconded by Reps. J. H. WHITE, of New York, and C. D. STRONG, of Minnesota:

Resolved, That Article I. Section 1 of the Constitution of this Grand Lodge be amended by striking out the words "of the United States," so that it shall read: "This Lodge shall be known by the name, style, and title of the Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd-Fellows."

Rep. WHITE, of New York, laid on the table the following amendment to the Constitution:

By Rep. WHITE, of New York, seconded by Reps. DANL. FITHIAN, of Ohio, SAMUEL WILLARD, of Illinois, J. C. SMITH, of Illinois, and C. D. STRONG, of Minnesota:

Amend Section 5 of Article 1 by striking out the words "by a unanimous vote," and inserting in lieu thereof the words "with the concurrence of four-fifths of the members."

Rep. HYLAND, of West Virginia, laid on the table the following amendment to the Constitution:

By Rep. HYLAND, of West Virginia, seconded by Reps. W. J. HOKE, of North Carolina, EDW. H. FITZHUGH, of Virginia, and J. E. SABINE, of Nevada:

Amend Article XII of the Constitution by striking out the word "Monday," in the first line, and inserting "Wednesday."

The Lodge now proceeded to the consideration of reports of committees in the order in which they appear on the Journal.

The first report being from the Legislative Committee, page 4181, on the resolution of Rep. WOODYATT of Canada West, in relation to a change of the name of the Grand Lodge of the United States, was considered. The question being on the adoption of the report—

Rep. LOGAN, of Kansas, moved to amend as follows:

Resolved, That the report be recommitted with instructions to the committee to report an amendment to Article I Section 1 of the Constitution, so that it may read as follows:

"*Section* 1. This Lodge shall be known by the name, style, and title of the Grand Lodge of America of the Independent Order of Odd-Fellows."

The question being on the amendment, Rep. DURHAM of Kentucky, raised the following point of order:

The proposition proposes a change of the Constitution and must lie over one session.

The Chair ruled the point to be not well taken.

The question being on the motion of Rep. LOGAN, of Kansas, to recommit, it was resolved in the negative.

The question recurring on the adoption of the report of the committee—

Rep. WHITE, of New York, moved the postponement of the subject until the next session, which was resolved in the negative.

The question recurring on the adoption of the report of the Legislative Committee, it was resolved in the affirmative.

The next report, from the same committee, page 4182, on the resolution of Rep. PEARSON, of Massachusetts, in relation to the subject of authorizing Subordinates to re-elect their officers, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 4182, from the same committee, on the resolution of Rep. HUNTER, of Louisiana, upon the subject of extending the term of office of Subordinates to twelve months, was considered and adopted.

The next report, from the same committee, page 4182, on the resolution of Rep. WOODYATT, of Canada West, proposing a change

in the name of the Grand Lodge of Canada West, was considered and adopted.

The next report, from the same committee, page 4183, on the resolution of Rep. DANNALS, of California, upon the subject of confining the power of voting in certain cases in Grand Lodges to representatives, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 4183, from the Committee on Appeals, on the appeal of Omar Sylvester and others, lately members of Albany Lodge, No. 4, Oregon, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 4184, from the Committee on Constitutions, on the amended Constitution of the Grand Encnmpment of New Jersey, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 4186, from the Legislative Committee, prescribing a penalty for the illegal use of the seal of the Grand Lodge of the United States, by attaching the same to unauthorized diplomas or certificates, was considered, and, with the accompanying resolution, was adopted.

The next report, page 4186, from the Committee on Constitutions, on the amended Constitution of the Grand Encampment of Connecticut, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 4186, from the same committee, on the amended Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Connecticut, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 4187, from the Committee on the State of the Order, on the decisions of the M. W. Grand Sire was considered.

The question being on the adoption of the report, it was agreed to; the question then being on the accompanying resolution, it was also agreed to.

Rep. HOKE, of North Carolina, moved that the Lodge reconsider the vote just had, adopting the report of the Committee on the State of the Order, which was resolved in the affirmative.

The question was again on the adoption of the report—

When Rep. SIMPSON, of Pennsylvania, asked a division of the question, and the question being on the adoption of so much of the report as relates to the first seven decisions of the Grand Sire, it was agreed to.

The question then being on adopting so much of the report of the committee as relates to the ninth decision of the Grand Sire, Rep. DURHAM, of Kentucky, moved the previous question, which,

being seconded by the Lodge, the main question was ordered and put, as follows:

"Will the Lodge adopt so much of the report of the committee as affirms the ninth decision of the Grand Sire?" which was resolved in the affirmative.

Rep. STUART, of the District of Columbia, now moved to reconsider the vote had adopting the resolution accompanying the report of the Committee on the State of the Order, in relation to closing in the Initiatory and opening in the degrees to ballot for applicants for degrees.

The question being on the motion to reconsider, it was resolved in the affirmative.

The question being on the adoption of the resolution accompanying the report of the committee—

Rep. STUART, of the District of Columbia, moved to amend as follows:

Strike out all after figure "3," and insert, "and shall not be opened again in the Initiatory."

The question being on the amendment of Rep. STUART, of the District of Columbia—

Rep. SIMPSON, of Pennsylvania, moved further to amend, as follows:

Strike out all after the word "resolved," and insert, "that when a Subordinate Lodge is about to ballot for candidates to receive degrees, such ballot shall be had after the regular business has been gone through with, when the Lodge is opened in the degree or degrees applied for, as per page 3 of the Degree Book, and after the balloting is had the Lodge shall close in due form."

The question being on the amendment of Rep. SIMPSON, of Pennsylvania—

Rep. BAKER, of Kansas, moved the previous question, which, being seconded by the Lodge, the main question was ordered and put, as follows: "Will the Lodge adopt the amendment?" which was not agreed to.

The question recurring on the amendment of Rep. STUART, of the District of Columbia, it was agreed to.

The question now being on the resolution of the committee, as amended by the amendment of Rep. STUART, of the District of Columbia, it was resolved in the affirmative.

The next report, from the same committee, page 4187, on the subject of the "Tract on Odd Fellowship," was considered. The question being on the adoption of the report—

Rep. WHITE, of New York, moved the following resolution:

Resolved, That the report be referred back to the committee, with instructions to report in favor of a reference back to the original committee to abbreviate so much of said Tract as appears under the title, "ITS NAME," and that said committee report such abbreviated Tract to the next session of this body.

The question being on the adoption of the resolution—

Rep. LEECH, of Iowa, moved the previous question, which being seconded by the Lodge, the main question was ordered and put, as follows: "Will the Lodge adopt the resolution of Rep. WHITE, of New York?" which was not agreed to. The question recurring on the adoption of the report, it was agreed to.

The next report, page 4188, from the Legislative Committee, on the subject of a suitable form of installation in Degree Lodges, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 4188, from the Committee on Appeals, on the appeal of Mount Libanus Encampment, of the jurisdiction of Pennsylvania, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 4188, from the Finance Committee, in relation to the charter fee of Ridgely Encampment, No. 1, Nebraska, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 4189, being from the special committee, raised at the last session, upon the subject of a uniform law prohibiting expulsions for non-payment of dues, and regulating suspensions for the same cause, was considered. The question being on the adoption of the first resolution accompanying the report—

Rep. STOKES, of Pennsylvania, moved to postpone the subject until the next session, which was resolved in the affirmative.

The next report, page 4190, from the Committee on Finance, in relation to a payment alleged to have been made by Mountain Lodge, No. 10, of the jurisdiction of North Carolina, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 4190, from the same committee, appropriating mileage and per diem compensation to James Young, for his services as assistant to the Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary during the session, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 4191, from the same committee, being upon the estimates of receipts and expenditures for the current year, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 4192, from the Committee on Printing,

awarding the contract for printing the Revised Journal, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 4192, from the Committee on Finance, authorizing the Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary to take the notes of the Grand Encampment of North Carolina in liquidation of its indebtedness, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 4193, from the same committee, on the controverted claim of Excelsior Lodge, No. 1, Honolulu, Sandwich Islands, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 4193, from the Committee on Returns, on the returns of Grand and Subordinate Bodies, was considered.

Rep. WILLARD, of Illinois, moved to amend by striking out the first resolution, and inserting the form proposed by him, page 4185.

Pending the consideration of the amendment, the hour of 12 having arrived, the Chair declared the Lodge at recess for thirty minutes.

TWELVE AND A HALF O'CLOCK.

The Lodge reassembled pursuant to the order for recess—

The consideration of the question pending at the time of recess —to wit, the amendment proposed by Rep. WILLARD, of Illinois, to the first resolution accompanying the report of the Committee on Returns—was resumed, and the question being on the adoption of the amendment, it was resolved in the negative.

The question recurring on the adoption of the report of the committee and accompanying resolutions, it was resolved in the affirmative.

The next report, being from the Committee on the State of the Order, page 4197, on the inquiry of Rep. CARTER, of Ohio, page 4129, was considered and adopted.

Rep. WOODYATT, of Ontario, laid on the table the following amendment to the Constitution:

By Rep. WOODYATT, of Ontario, seconded by Reps. MAYES, of Mississippi, J. G. DUNLAP, of Louisiana, J. H. HORN, of New Jersey, F. D. STUART, of District of Columbia, LUTHER HOMES, of Louisiana, B. W. DENNIS, of Michigan, IRA DOE, of New Hampshire, RICHARD BRAGG, of Arkansas, and JOHN H. WHITE, of New York:

Amend Section 1 of Article I by striking out the words "Grand Lodge of the United States," and inserting "Supreme Lodge."

Rep. BOTSFORD, of Connecticut, from the Committee on Finance, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Finance respectfully recommend that supplies shall hereafter be sold at the following prices:

Cards	$ 20	each.
Odes	10	"
Form for Degree Lodges	10	"
Charge Books	2 00	"
Degree Books	2 00	"
Degree of Rebekah	2 00	"
Installation Books	2 00	"
Institution Books	2 00	"
Grand Lodge Books	3 00	"
Grand Encampment	3 00	"
Encampment	3 00	"
Funeral Ceremony	1 00	"
Diplomas	50	"
Bound Journal	3 50	"

Digests at $1.25, with discount of 25 per cent. when 25 or more copies of the same are purchased at one time, and 40 per cent. when 50 or more are sold.

F. BOTSFORD,
JAMES TERWILLIGER,
C. A. LOGAN,
H. L. PAGE.

Rep. DOWDEN, of Kentucky, from the Committee on Constitutions, made the following report, which was laid on the table, under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

Your Committee on Constitutions, to whom was referred the amendments to the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Rhode Island, have considered the same, and append the following:

Resolved, That the amendments to the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Rhode Island, above referred to, be and the same are hereby approved.

M. S. DOWDEN,
J. F. DRISCOL,
B. W. DENNIS,
R. B. MAYES,
DANIEL FITHIAN.

Rep. BABCOCK, of Ohio, from the Committee on Mileage and Per Diem, made the following report, which was considered and adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

Your Committee on Mileage and Per Diem herewith present a tabular statement of the mileage and per diem allowed each Officer and Representative, in accordance with the resolution adopted at the present session, and submit the following resolution:

Resolved, That the mileage and per diem allowed in the accompanying table to each Officer and Representative is hereby ordered to be paid.

C. H. BABCOCK,
F. D. STUART,
A. H. RANSOM,
FRANK FORCE,
HUGH LATHAM.

TABLE OF MILEAGE AND PER DIEM.

NAMES.	PROFESSION.	TOWN.	STATE.	DISTANCE FROM N. YORK.	DAYS IN ATTENDANCE.	MILEAGE.	PER DIEM.	TOTAL.
GRAND OFFICERS.								
M. W. G. Sire, Sanders, James P...	Lawyer.....	Yonkers.....	New York ...	17	6	$ 1 70	$36 00	$37 70
R. W. D. G. S., Farnsworth, E. D..	Insurance Agent...	Nashville	Tennessee ...	1001	6	100 10	36 00	136 10
R. W. G. C. & R. S., Ridgely, Jas. L.	Farmer.....	Baltimore....	Maryland.....	186	6	18 60	36 00	54 60
R. W. G. Treas., Vansant, Joshua..	Hat Manufacturer..	Baltimore....	Maryland....	186	6	18 60	36 00	54 60
R. W. G. Chap., Williamson, I. D..	Clergyman.....	Cincinnati....	Ohio	744	6	74 40	36 60	110 40
R. W. G. Marshal, Heiss, John S...	Dentist	Philadelphia..	Pennsylvania.	88	6	8 80	36 00	44 80
R. W. G. Guardian, Foss, John P..	Merchant.....	Chicago	Illinois	899	6	89 90	36 00	125 90
R. W. G. Mess., Chamberlain, J. E..	Mess'r to G. Lodge.	Baltimore....	Maryland....	186	6	18 60	36 00	54 60
REPRESENTATIVES.								
Adams, Joseph B.....	Postmaster.....	Portsmouth..	N. Hampshire	288	6	28 80	36 00	64 80
Andrews, H. B.....	Lawyer.....	Galveston....	Texas	1997	6	199 70	36 00	235 70
Atwood, Julius.....	Merchant	East Haddam.	Connecticut...	128	6	12 80	36 00	48 80
Babcock, Albert S.....	Lawyer.....	Blackberry ...	Illinois	943	6	94 30	36 00	130 30
Babcock, Charles H.....	Merchant	Brooklyn	Ohio	585	6	58 40	36 00	94 40
Bailey, John H.....	Lawyer.....	Pittsburg	Pennsylvania.	431	5	43 10	30 00	73 10
Baker, F. P.....	Editor.....	Topeka.....	Kansas	1452	6	145 20	36 00	181 20
Bancroft, E. Dana.....	Railroad Agent....	Groton Junct.	Massachusetts	220	6	22 00	36 00	58 00
Barber, L. K.....	Lawyer.....	Woodville....	Mississippi...	1448	6	144 80	36 00	180 80
Barron, Q. H	Farmer.....	Fox Lake....	Wisconsin....	1056	6	105 60	36 00	141 60
Barry, E. H.....	Grand Secretary...	Indianapolis..	Indiana.....	812	6	81 20	36 00	117 20
Beckett, W. C.....	Merchant Tailor...	Portland.....	Maine	340	5	34 00	30 00	64 00
Blair, F. J.....	Cabinet Maker	Peru	Indiana.....	807	6	80 70	36 00	116 70
Botsford, Frederick.....	Manufacturer	New Haven..	Connecticut..	76	6	7 60	36 00	43 60
Bragg, Richard.....	Wheelwright.....	Little Rock...	Arkansas.....	1624	6	162 40	36 00	198 40

Burton, W. S.	Carriage Manufac'r.	Mount Pleas't.	Iowa	1121	6	112 10	36 00	148 10
Burton, J. G.	Farmer	Rupert	Vermont	199	6	19 90	36 00	55 90
Carter, John W.	Magistrate	Cincinnati	Ohio	744	6	74 40	36 00	110 40
Coleman, Thomas C.	Banker	Nashville	Tennessee	1001	6	100 10	36 00	136 10
Damon, George	Merchant	Tallahassee	Florida	1258	6	125 80	36 00	161 80
Dannals, C. W.	Merchant	Sweetland	California	5862	6	586 20	36 00	622 20
Davis, Stillman S.	Manufacturer	Nashua	N. Hampshire	238	6	23 80	36 00	59 80
Dietz, John G	Book Binder	Macon	Georgia	1053	6	105 30	36 00	141 30
Dennis, B. W.	Miller	Byron	Michigan	748	6	74 80	36 00	110 80
Doe, Ira	Manufacturer	Rochester	N. Hampshire	310	6	31 00	36 00	67 00
Dowden, M. S.	City Collector	Lexington	Kentucky	844	6	84 40	36 00	120 40
Driscol, John F.	Grand Secretary	Warren	Rhode Island	199	6	19 90	36 00	55 90
Durham, M. J	Lawyer	Danville	Kentucky	880	6	88 00	36 00	124 00
Dunlap, J. G.	Merchant	New Orleans	Louisiana	1502	6	150 20	36 00	186 20
Ellis, F. A.	Lawyer	Elkton	Maryland	134	6	13 40	36 00	49 40
Enholm, S. A.	Mechanic	Mobile	Alabama	1349	6	134 90	36 00	170 90
Escavaille, Joseph B	Grand Secretary	Baltimore	Maryland	186	6	18 60	36 00	54 60
Fithian, Daniel	Cashier	Cincinnati	Ohio	744	5	74 40	30 00	104 40
Fitzhugh, E. H.	Lawyer	Richmond	Virginia	356	6	35 60	36 00	71 60
Force, F. R.	Clerk	Newark	New Jersey	9	6	90	36 00	36 90
Foster, F. M.	Dentist	Jackson	Michigan	752	6	75 20	36 00	111 20
Foulk, Wm. H.	Builder	Wilmington	Delaware	116	6	11 60	36 00	47 60
Garey, H. F	Lawyer	Baltimore	Maryland	186	2	18 60	12 00	30 60
Gilman, William A.	Clerk	Marysville	California	5845	6	584 50	36 00	620 50
Glenn, John B.	Druggist	Bloomfield	Iowa	1184	6	118 40	36 00	154 40
Ham, George W	Builder	Providence	Rhode Island	189	6	18 90	36 00	54 90
Hastings, S.	Merchant	Leavenworth	Kansas	1384	....	138 40	.....	138 40
Havenner, John F	Merchant	Washington	Dis. Columbia	226	3	22 60	18 00	40 60
Haupt, James L	Mechanic	Savannah	Georgia	938	6	93 80	36 00	129 80
Hide, John F.	Dep. Cl'k Co. Court.	Nashville	Tennessee	1001	6	100 10	36 00	136 10
Hodges, Samuel W	Sew'g Machine Agt.	Boston	Massachusetts	232	6	23 20	36 00	59 20
Hoke, Wm. J.	Cl'k & Mas. in Eq'ty	Lincolnton	N. Carolina	668	6	66 80	36 00	102 80
Homes, Luther	Blacksmith	New Orleans.	Louisiana	1502	6	150 20	36 00	186 20
Horn, John H.	Foreman	Lambertville	New Jersey	74	6	7 40	36 00	43 40

TABLE OF MILEAGE AND PER DIEM—CONTINUED.

NAMES.	PROFESSION.	TOWN.	STATE.	DISTANCE FROM N. YORK.	DAYS IN ATTENDANCE.	MILEAGE.	PER DIEM.	TOTAL.
Hunter, A. Wallace	Sec'y Insurance Co.	New Orleans.	Louisiana ..	1502	3	$150 20	$18 00	$168 20
Hyland, Wm. L	Clergyman	Parkersburgh.	West Virginia	569	6	56 90	36 00	92 50
Johnson, Amos	Expressman	South Boston.	Massachusetts	234	6	23 40	36 00	59 40
Joseph, T. M	Lawyer	Galveston	Texas	1997	6	199 70	36 00	235 70
Kingsbury, B., Jr	Judge	Portland	Maine	340	6	34 00	36 00	70 00
Ladd, C. K	Lumber Dealer	Portland	Maine	340	6	34 00	36 00	70 00
Lamberton, Robert A	Lawyer	Harrisburg	Pennsylvania.	182	6	18 20	36 00	54 20
Latham, Hugh	Mayor	Alexandria	Virginia	233	6	23 30	36 00	59 30
Leech, Erie J	Lawyer	Keokuk	Iowa	1178	6	117 80	36 00	153 80
Logan, Cornelius A	Physician	Leavenworth.	Kansas	1384	6	138 40	36 00	174 40
Love, A. E	Lawyer	Columbus	Mississippi	1188	6	118 80	36 00	154 80
Lull, A. G	Manufacturer	Chicago	Illinois	899	9	89 90	36 00	125 90
McCarty, T. B	Auditor of State	Indianapolis	Indiana	812	6	81 20	36 00	117 20
McClelland, J. A	Merchant	San Francisco	California	5667	6	566 70	36 00	602 70
McKenzie, John	Merchant	Columbia	S. Carolina	744	6	74 40	36 00	110 40
McKinstry, Alexander	Lawyer	Mobile	Alabama	1349	6	134 90	36 00	170 80
McLean, Wm. R	Printer	Washington	Dis. Columbia	226	6	22 60	36 00	58 60
Mack, H. S	Merchant	Milwaukee	Wisconsin	984	6	98 40	36 00	134 40
Maris, Joshua	Lawyer	Wilmington	Delaware	116	6	11 60	36 00	47 60
Marley, Richard	Shoe Manufacturer.	Baltimore	Maryland	186	6	18 60	36 00	54 60
Martin, Joseph G	Merchant	Charleston	S. Carolina	813	6	81 30	36 00	117 30
Marvin, C. A	Dentist	Brooklyn	New York	1	6	10	36 00	36 10
Matheson, John	Merchant	Albion Mines.	Nova Scotia	860	6	86 00	36 00	122 00
Mauro, Charles G	Lawyer	Saint Louis	Missouri	1075	6	107 50	36 00	143 50
Mayes, R. B	Lawyer	Yazoo City	Mississippi	1307	6	130 70	36 00	166 70

Meeker, David	Merchant	San Francisco	California	5667	6	566 70	36 00	602 70
Millard, Royal G	Merchant	New York	New York	....	6	.....	36 00	36 00
Oakes, William	Merchant	Corunna	Michigan	752	6	75 20	36 00	111 20
Page, H. L	Insurance Agent	Milwaukee	Wisconsin	984	6	98 40	36 00	134 40
Pearson, W. H	Boot Manufacturer	Boston	Massachusetts	232	6	23 20	36 00	59 20
Ransom, A. H	Secretary Insur. Co.	Covington	Kentucky	745	6	74 50	36 00	110 50
Raum, John O	Grand Secretary	Trenton	New Jersey	58	6	5 80	36 00	41 80
Robinson, J. H	Tax Collector	Lynchburg	Virginia	404	6	40 40	36 00	76 40
Ross, Theodore A	Accountant	Newark	New Jersey	9	6	90	86 00	36 90
Sabine, James E	Watchmaker	Dayton	Nevada	5967	6	596 70	36 00	632 70
Scott, H. D	Lawyer	Terre Haute	Indiana	885	6	88 50	36 06	124 50
Simpson, J. Alexander	Lawyer	West Philadel	Pennsylvania	94	6	9 40	36 00	45 40
Smiley, Thomas T	Lawyer	Nashville	Tennessee	1001	6	100 10	36 00	136 10
Smith, J. C	U. S. Assessor	Galena	Illinois	1071	6	107 10	36 00	143 10
Smith, John F	Magistrate	Middleway	West Virginia	287	6	28 70	36 00	64 70
Steele, Thomas G	Grand Secretary	Fairmount	West Virginia	488	6	48 80	36 00	84 80
Stokes, John W	Lawyer	Philadelphia	Pennsylvania	88	6	8 80	36 00	44 80
Strong, C. D	Merchant	St. Paul	Minnesota	1379	6	137 90	36 06	173 90
Stuart, F. D	Hydrographer	Washington	Dis. Columbia	226	6	22 60	36 00	58 60
Taylor, Cris	Merchant	Oregon City	Oregon	6510	6	651 00	36 00	687 00
Templin, F	Builder	Nebraka City	Nebraska	1449	6	144 90	36 00	180 90
Terwilliger, James	Clerk State Senate	Syracuse	New York	295	6	29 50	36 00	65 50
Thayer, William	Bank Officer	Charleston	S. Carolina	813	6	81 30	36 00	117 30
Thompson, W. H	Plumber	Saint Louis	Missouri	1075	6	107 50	36 00	143 50
Townsend, G. L	Editor	Waterbury	Connecticut	91	6	9 10	36 00	45 10
Veitch, Isaac M	Secretary Insur. Co.	Saint Louis	Missouri	1075	6	107 50	36 00	143 50
Venable, J. W	Clergyman	Versailles	Kentucky	856	6	85 60	36 00	121 60
Viele, Hiram	Miller	Akron	Ohio	569	6	56 90	36 00	92 90
White, John H	Lawyer	Albion	New York	428	6	42 80	36 00	78 80
Willard, Samuel	Grand Secretary	Springfield	Illinois	1019	6	101 90	36 00	137 90
Woodyatt, James	Town Clerk	Brantford	Ontario	498	6	49 80	36 00	85 80
Wright, A. J	Recorder	Felton	Delaware	174	5	17 40	30 00	47 40
						$10,792 20	$3,984 00	$14,776 20

Rep. DAMON, of Florida, from the Committee on Grand Bodies, not represented, made the following report, which was laid on the table, under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Grand Bodies not represented have the pleasure to report that all Grand Bodies are represented.

GEORGE DAMON,
W. A. GILMAN,
RICHARD BRAGG,
IRA DOE,
J. E. SABINE.

Rep. WILLARD, of Illinois, from the Legislative Committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table, under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

Your Legislative Committee have considered the resolution of Rep. HODGES, of Massachusetts, as referred from the Committee on the State of the Order, (Journal, page 4181,) on the subject of appointing the 26th of April, annually, as the anniversary of the Order, and recommending the general observance of that day.

We find that, in 1824, the Grand Lodge of Maryland and of the United States adopted the following order, as on page 64 of the Journal, viz:

"Ordered, that a recommendation be sent to the Subordinate Lodges in Maryland to have but one general anniversary, and that the time be on the 26th of April."

We do not find any other legislation of this Grand Body upon the subject, and as this was but local in its terms, we recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the 26th of April be and the same hereby is established as the anniversary of this Order, and all Grand Lodges and Encampments are requested to urge their Subordinates to observe the day in some appropriate manner.

SAMUEL WILLARD,
EDW. H. FITZHUGH,
J. ALEXANDER SIMPSON,
THOMAS T. SMILEY.

Rep. THAYER offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That so much of the resolution adopted at this session as fixes the hour of adjournment at 12, M. be rescinded.

Rep. ROSS, of New Jersey, from the Committee on Returns, made the following report, which was laid on the table, under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Returns have examined the resolutions submitted by Rep. WILLARD and referred to them, and respectfully report: That while they concede that the summary presented might, if adopted, have the effect designed—viz., the production of more perfect returns from Grand and Subordinate Bodies—yet they are of opinion that the adoption of the resolutions of instruction submitted by this committee will produce the result aimed at,

without making any change in the form of returns, as will be required if the proposed summary is adopted. The committee are of opinion that it is inexpedient to adopt the resolutions presented by Rep. WILLARD at this time, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

Fraternally submitted.

THEO. A. ROSS,
W. H. THOMPSON,
J. MARIS,
C. D. STRONG.

On motion of Rep. SIMPSON, of Pennsylvania. the rule requiring reports to lay on the table for one day was suspended.

The report of the Committee on Finance regulating the prices of supplies, page 4205, was considered and adopted.

The next report, from the Committee on Constitutions, on the amended Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Rhode Island, page 4205, was considered and adopted.

The next report, from the Committee on Grand Bodies not Represented, page 4210, was considered and adopted.

The next report, from the Legislative Committee, page 4210, on the subject of appointing the 26th of April as the anniversary of the Order, was considered and adopted.

The next report, being from the Committee on Returns, page 4210, on the form of return submitted by Rep. WILLARD, of Illinois, was considered and adopted.

Rep. ESCAVAILLE, of Maryland, from the Committee on the State of the Order, made the following report, which was considered and adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was referred the query from the Grand Encampment of New Jersey, in the words following, to wit: "Is it proper for a Grand Encampment to approve a Constitution and By-Laws of a Subordinate Encampment in which previous service as a High Priest is made a necessary qualification to eligibility as a candidate for Chief Patriarch?" report that they have considered the query, and are of the opinion that Grand Encampments have the right to approve the Constitution and By-Laws of a Subordinate Encampment, with the provisions named in the query, provided no general law exists in the jurisdiction on that subject.

JOS. B. ESCAVAILLE,
J. W. STOKES,
ALEX. McKINSTRY,
T. B. McCARTY,
SAMUEL W. HODGES.

Rep. TERWILLIGER, of New York, from the Finance Committee, submitted the following report, which was considered

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Finance Committee recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That there be paid to the Grand Officers, in addition to mileage, the same per diem as paid Representatives.

JAMES TERWILLIGER,
C. A. LOGAN,
F. BOTSFORD.

Rep. THOMPSON, of Missouri, moved the previous question, which, being seconded by the Lodge, the main question was ordered and put, as follows: "Will the Lodge adopt the resolution?" which was resolved in the affirmative.

Rep. TERWILLIGER, of New York, from the Committee on Finance, made the following report, with accompanying resolution, which was considered and adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Finance Committee recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That there be appropriated to P. G. M. and G. Rep. F. D. STUART two hundred dollars for services and expenses in procuring new diagrams of the secret work of the Order.

JAS. TERWILLIGER,
H. L. PAGE,
C. A. LOGAN,
F. BOTSFORD.

Rep. ENHOLM, of Alabama, laid on the table the following amendment to the Constitution:

By Rep. ENHOLM, of Alabama, seconded by Reps. W. S. BURTON, of Iowa, and L. HOMES, of Louisiana:

Resolved, That Section 3 of Article IX. of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of the United States be amended by striking out the words "*have received the Royal Purple Degree, be*," and insert the words "*be a Past Chief Patriarch and*," in the second and third lines of the said section as printed on page 9 of the Digest of 1863.

Rep. SMILEY, of Tennessee, from the special committee on that subject, made the following report, with accompanying resolutions:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

Your committee, to whom was referred the subject of preparing resolutions of thanks for the attentions extended to the members of this Grand Body during the present session, beg leave to report the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the thanks of the Grand Lodge of the United States are hereby tendered to the Grand Lodge of the State of New York for the warm and courteous reception and the cordial and unremitting hospitality at all times extended to them during the present session.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Grand Lodge are hereby presented to the various public institutions in New York, and to the gentlemen of the city who have favored us with their courtesies, for the kind attention they

have shown to us, and to express to them the profound gratification we have received through their generous hospitality.

Resolved, That the members of this session of this Grand Lodge will ever retain a grateful recollection of the assiduous attentions of P. G. Sire JOHN A. KENNEDY and the members of the committee of which he was chairman, and to all the members of the Order in New York whom we have met, for the opportunities they have afforded us of visiting such places and institutions as were most calculated to interest, amuse, and instruct us, and for the perfect arrangements for our comfort. These attentions have made our visit to New York one of unmixed pleasure and gratification.

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary will transmit a copy of these resolutions to the various bodies and gentlemen herein referred to.

All of which is respectfully submitted, and your committee ask to be discharged.

EDW. H. FITZHUGH,
J. W. VENABLE,
ALEX. McKINSTRY,
THOS. T. SMILEY,
E. H. BARRY.

The question being on the adoption of the report and resolutions, they were unanimousiy adopted, and the vote taken by the Lodge, rising.

Rep. VEITCH, of Missouri, moved the following resolutions, which were adopted:

Resolved, That all Representatives who have received copies of the report of the Committee on Revision, as distributed at the last session, are hereby required to return the same immediately to the Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary.

Resolved, That in the event of any Representative present being unable to return the copy furnished to his jurisdiction, that each Representative for himself hereby pledges himself to have the same returned at the earliest practicable moment.

Rep. LAMBERTON, of Pennsylvania, moved the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the Grand Correspondlng and Recording Secretary be directed to have five hundred copies of the Revised Journals for 1863-4-5-6-7 bound in uniform style with the preceding volumes, so as to constitute Volume V., and, when completed, a copy of said volume be furnished to each member of this Grand Lodge.

Resolved, That the Grand Corrssponding and Recording Secretary be authorized to employ some competent person to prepare a suitable index for the proposed Volume V., and the sum of $.... is hereby appropriated to pay for the preparation of such index.

The question being on the first resolution, it was adopted.

The question being on the second resolution, on motion, the blank was filled with the sum of one hundred dollars, and the resolution, as so amended, was adopted.

Rep. STOKES, of Pennsylvania, moved the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Degree of Rebekah was intended to be and is an honorary degree only, and not intended to be and is not to be regarded as a qualification for office in a Subordinate Lodge, and may be conferred at the option of the Subordinate Lodges.

Rep. BARRY, of Indiana, moved to lay the resolution on the table, which was agreed to.

Rep. LEECH, of Iowa, moved the following resolution, which was unanimously adopted, the Lodge rising in taking the vote:

Resolved, That the thanks of this R. W. Grand Lodge are hereby tendered to M. W. Grand Sire SANDERS for the able, dignified, and courteous manner in which he has presided over its deliberations during the present session.

Rep. DAVIS, of New Hampshire, moved the following resolutions:

Resolved, That a Lodge is obliged to accept the care of a sick brother, member of another Lodge, on his application to them for watchers.

Resolved, That when a Lodge accepts the care of a sick brother, a member of another Lodge, its members are under the same obligations to watch with him as though the sick brother was a member of their Lodge, and are subject to the same penalties.

The question being on the adoption of the first resolution—

On motion of Rep. RANSOM, of Kentucky, the resolutions were referred to the Committee on the State of the Order.

Rep. LOGAN, of Kansas, submitted the following preamble and resolution, which was adopted:

Whereas it appears from a memorial presented by the Odd-Fellows of Colorado Territory to this R. W. Body that the interests of the Order in that distant region almost imperatively require the establishment of a Grand Lodge; and, whereas the Subordinates in that Territory in their memorial have offered, in case a Grand Charter is granted them, to pay the expenses of their own representative to this body until such time as they may have attained the regular number of Lodges to entitle them to a Grand Lodge by the present law; therefore be it

Resolved, That the Grand Sire is requested to issue a charter, under the above condition, for a Grand Lodge in Colorado, whenever a petition in proper form, and accompanied by the proper fee, may be presented to him.

Rep. DRISCOL, of Rhode Island, rose in his place and addressed the Lodge as follows:

Time, in its noiseless flight, is rapidly narrowing the circle of those who composed the pioneers of our Order. Wildey, its revered founder, is gone, and few of those who were his contemporaries, who aided him in his labors of love and stood by him in his days of trial, remain with us now. Our veneration, respect, and love for the noble band who laid firm, strong, and deep the massive foundation of our Order, are now concentrated upon a few men. One and another has fallen, until soon all of them will disappear from earth.

It is my melancholy duty to announce to this Grand Lodge that Rhode Island mourns the death of JAMES WOOD, the first Grand Master, the first Grand Patriarch, and, more than all, the first Odd-Fellow in that jurisdiction. He belonged to that peculiar type of men who seemed specially raised

up by an All-wise Providence to build up such an institution as ours: simple-hearted, gentle, and loving as a little child; with an integrity that knew no guile; with moral courage of the truest temper; with a zeal that never flagged, and a perseverance that never tired—these great missionaries of the Order went straight forward with their work and overcame every difficulty that beset their path. They were men who, as it were, offered themselves as living sacrifices on the altar of the Order, and, with a devotion worthy of the cause, thought the offering but a reasonable service. These were traits of character peculiar to the lamented Wildey, but they were equally apparent in Bro. Wood; for, in fact, he was to Rhode Island what Wildey was to the whole country—the father of the Order in that jurisdiction.

James Wood was born in England in 1802. He was initiated into the Order in 1823, and founded the first Lodge in Disley, England, where he resided, and it is probable that he was a prominent leader among his brethren, from a circumstance that occurred on his first arrival in this country, in May, 1827. When within two or three miles of Taunton, Mass., the place of his destination, he was met by a delegation who inquired for Jas. Wood, and, being answered in the affirmative, he was informed that they were a delegation from that place to greet him and welcome him to his new home—thus suggesting the fact that he held a prominent position in the Order in England, and that his fame had preceded him. He immediately took an active part in the work of the Lodge in Taunton, and in spreading the principles of the Order in that and the adjoining States. He, at their request, prepared and presented a petition for the charter of Friendly Union Lodge, No. 1, in Providence, R. I., to Grand Sire Wildey, and on June 13, 1829, a special session of the Grand Lodge of the United States was called, and their request was granted, and the Lodge instituted the 20th of that month. At its institution Bro. Wood delivered the address. In 1834 P. G. M. Wood moved to Rhode Island and united with Friendly Union Lodge, No. 1, and continuing his membership with the Order in Rhode Island until his death. He was a member of this Grand Lodge in the years 1846–7, 1851–2, and 1864–5. In the full possession of his faculties, physical and mental, he suddenly departed this life on the 17th of January, 1867. With saddened hearts the Order in Rhode Island bore the veteran, surrounded by the emblems of the Order he loved so well and served so faithfully, to his narrow home, and laid him there and left him to his quiet rest. The delegation of Rhode Island now present in this brief manner the last earthly recognition of services, more worthy of a statue than so brief and imperfect a memorial as this.

Rep. TERWILLIGER, of New York, submitted the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the sum of fifty dollars be appropriated to pay Bro. S. H. LEWYT for services as Assistant Grand Messenger during the present session.

Rep. TERWILLIGER, of New York, submitted the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That twenty-five copies of the tract on Odd-Fellowship and a copy of the Revised Journal of this session be furnished for the Library of the New York Institution for Deaf and Dumb.

Rep. HIDE, of Tennessee, laid on the table the following amendment to the Constitution:

By Rep. HIDE, of Tennessee, seconded by Reps. J. C. SMITH, of Illinois, and S. S. DAVIS, of New Hampshire:

Amend Section 3 of Article IX of the Constitution of this Grand Lodge

by striking out the words "he must have received the Royal Purple Degree," and inserting the words "he must be entitled to receive the Grand Encampment Degree."

Rep. MARIS, of Delaware, rose in his place, and addressed the Lodge as follows:

MOST WORTHY GRAND SIRE: I desire briefly to announce the decease of P. G. Rep. ALEXANDER N. HALL, of Delaware. This occurrence took place a few months ago, at his home in Milford, in the State I have the honor in part to represent.

Bro. HALL was a young man of sterling virtues, combining in himself all the elements of a most excellent citizen. His intelligence, devotion to the principles of our beloved Order, and generous disposition, marked him as a fit subject for promotion, and a proper custodian of the trusts and duties incident to office. Consequently, he soon passed the highest position in his Subordinate Lodge, and entered the Grand Lodge of his State, from which he was sent as a Representative to this R. W. Grand Lodge. At the first session he was present, and took an active part in the proceedings, but at the next session he was confined at home by sickness of so extreme character as to be prostrated for a long time, and, even after leaving his couch, was prevented from putting forth in behalf of the Order any exertion or labor.

Bro. HALL was a Christian of a most exalted and noble character. And in this instance a good Odd-Fellow has been gently laid in his last resting place, and a warm heart has joined its kindred dust.

The business of the session being now closed—

The M. W. Grand Sire returned his sincere acknowledgments to the Lodge for the fraternal courtesies extended to him during the session by every member of the body, and for the honor conferred by the resolution of compliment to him just unanimously adopted.

The M. W. Grand Sire now called upon the R. W. Grand Chaplain, who addressed the Throne of Grace as follows:

OUR FATHER AND OUR GOD, we give thee hearty thanks that thou hast given us life and strength to bring the labors of this session of the Grand Lodge to a close. We pray that thy blessing may rest upon those labors, so that they may tend to the promotion of the best interests of our beloved Order. We bless thee for the harmony and brotherly love that have prevailed in our councils, and we pray that they may prevail more and more everywhere, until disorder and strife shall be known no more. And now that we are about to separate from one another, it may be to meet no more on earth, we implore thy parting blessing. May we pass in safety through the dangers of the way, so that no evil or calamity fall upon us, and when we reach our homes, may we find the loved ones who are there in health and peace. Bless, we pray thee, our Order through all the earth. Save it alike from external danger and internal commotion, and may it prosper in all time to come as it has prospered in the days that are past. Let thy gracious favor be upon the sick, the distressed, the widows, and the orphans through all the land. Hear thou our prayer, and when thou hearest, answer and forgive, and to thy name be the glory forever. Amen.

Whereupon the M. W. Grand Sire called upon the R. W. Deputy Grand Sire, who proclaimed the Lodge adjourned *sine die*.

JAS. L. RIDGELY, *Grand Cor. and Rec. Sec'y.*

ERRATUM.

At page 4095, Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary's Report, in the statement relative to the institution of Montano Lodge, No. 1, at Helena, Montano, there is error.

It should read, the commission to institute the Lodge was issued to D. D. Grand Sire NORCOM, who performed the duty assigned to him, and has transmitted his report.

APPENDIX.

APPENDIX.

Reception of the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States by the R. W. Grand Lodge of New York.

I. O. O. F.

OFFICE CORRESPONDING AND RECORDING SECRETARY,
R. W. G. L. U. S.

BALTIMORE, October 5th, 1867.

WILLIAM GOULD, ESQ.,
M. W. Grand Master Grand Lodge of New York:

MY DEAR SIR AND BROTHER: In obedience to a resolution unanimously adopted by the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, at the September session, 1867, I respectfully ask a copy of your exceedingly felicitous address of welcome to that Grand Body on the occasion of its assemblage in the city of New York, for publication in the Revised Journal of this session.

Yours, truly and fraternally,
JAS. L. RIDGELY, *Corresponding Secretary.*

BUFFALO, NEW YORK, October 7, 1867.

JAS. L. RIDGELY, *Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary.*

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER: Herewith please receive copy of my remarks made upon the occasion of the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of the United States in the city of New York, September 16, 1867.

Yours fraternally,
WILLIAM GOULD, *Grand Master.*

MOST WORTHY GRAND SIRE, OFFICERS AND REPRESENTATIVES: The annual meetings of your body are looked forward to with great interest by that brotherhood for whose interests you meet to legislate. But this annual meeting calls forth feelings of a different nature, and of a fraternal character hard to express, yet pleasant to feel and know. The Empire State feels proud to welcome you within her jurisdiction—and here permit me to congratulate you on your safe arrival from far distant homes—and to bid you all welcome as members of a great family, whose bounds are not circumscribed by the boundaries of States, but extending over this entire continent.

We greet you to-day, and thank you from our hearts for this assembling for the first time in this our city.

This meeting has been looked forward to with feelings of joy by every member of the Grand Lodge of the State of New York, and I have no doubt that it will add much to their happiness, if they can make the occasion pleasant and agreeable to each and every one of your body—a season to be remembered in the future and looked back to as one of the incidents in Odd-Fellowship never to be forgotten.

I am glad on this occasion to announce to you, sir, that to-day, in the

Empire State, our Order stands upon a firm and sure foundation. Thanks to your action at the late session.

The union of the Order has been productive of great good, and harmony and love prevail. Never were our prospects brighter or more flattering than at this time, and we trust your meeting with us at this time will not only strengthen us, but add much to our harmony and fraternal love.

I am well aware your meeting is for the purpose of business, and to legislate for the welfare and interests of our beloved Order, but I hope—and I know that I but reiterate the wishes of my brethren when I ask that some portion of your time may be given to them—that they may by their acts show you that they appreciate this your first visit to the Empire City of the Empire State.

To this beautiful Hall, so well and appropriately fitted up for the occasion by the brethren, I also bid you welcome, and trust you may feel assured that you are indeed in your own castle whilst you remain; and I do here, in their names, and as the representative of the Grand Lodge of the State of New York, extend to you, sir, and to every member of that great body over which you have the honor to preside, a hearty welcome to our jurisdiction —not one merely of words, but from the heart, and with the hand of an Odd-Fellow.

I will detain you no longer than to say once more, I bid you all welcome to the Empire State.

I. O. O. F.

OFFICE CORRESPONDING AND RECORDING SECRETARY,
R. W. G. L. U. S.

BALTIMORE, October 5th, 1867.

JAS. P. SANDERS, *M. W. Grand Sire:*

MY DEAR BROTHER: At page 4064 Journal of the late session of the Grand Lodge of the United States, I find the following resolution:

"*Resolved*, That M. W. G. M. GOULD, of the Grand Lodge of New York, and M. W. G. S. SANDERS, be requested to furnish copies of their addresses upon the reception of this Grand Lodge by the Grand Lodge of New York, that the same may be published with the Revised Journal of this session."

Will you be good enough to transmit to me, at an early moment, a copy of your address, that it may appear in connexion with that of G. M. GOULD in the Appendix to the Journal?

Yours, very truly,

JAS. L. RIDGELY, *Corresponding Secretary.*

I. O. O. F.

OFFICE OF THE GRAND SIRE,
R. W. G. L. U. S.

YONKERS, October 8, 1867.

BRO. RIDGELY:

With this find what may be regarded as a fair copy of my address in response to Grand Master GOULD at the opening of the Grand Lodge in New York.

Yours fraternally,

JAS. P. SANDERS, *Grand Sire.*

MOST WORTHY GRAND MASTER: For this, your cordial and fraternal welcome to the hospitalities of your jurisdiction, permit me to extend to you, and to the officers and members of the R. W. Grand Lodge of the State of New York, the most hearty and sincere thanks of the members of the Grand Lodge of the United States, not only for the courtesy you extend to us, but

for the kind manner in which you have conveyed to us the expression of those feelings.

For the first time since the organization of our Order, we meet in Grand Lodge capacity in the State of New York, one of the earliest fields of our labor. Here in this city, more than sixty years ago, the first Odd-Fellows' Lodge on this continent was organized and flourished for a season, but failed to take root, and after a brief struggle for life, Shakspeare Lodge died a sudden death. To-day we understand that no less fifty Lodges are working under your jurisdiction in the city of New York, showing conclusively to our minds that with the growth of the city our Order, established here on the 24th day of June, 1823, has kept even pace, and in view of the well known ardor and good feeling of the entire brotherhood of this city, we are here this day to hold our annual communication.

We meet here, sir, at this time, to legislate for the welfare and benefit of nearly a quarter of a million of Odd-Fellows, contracted by no State boundaries, but extending over this entire Northern continent—and we trust, sir, our meeting may be of great benefit, not only to your city and State, but to Odd-Fellowship wherever it may exist. You have before you Representatives from every State and Territory in the Union as well as from the New Dominion. They have all come up here to lay upon the altar of our household their best gifts for the welfare and interest of that Order we all cherish and hold dear to our hearts; an Order with the virtue of which we have all been acquainted with for many years, and have never had cause to regret that we are members of the Independent Order of Odd-Fellows.

It is proper for me, at this time, to state to you, M. W. Grand Master, that one particular cause for our selecting the Empire State for this, our annual meeting, is from the fact of that union so lately cemented in this State—a union, we trust, never to be again broken, but perpetual to the end of time. We, as members of the supreme head of the Order, thank you from our hearts for this act; and we hope and pray that, under the guidance and protection of Almighty God, Odd-Fellowship may again flourish and blossom in your jurisdiction, and that you may again be the Empire State in our Order. With *excelsior* as your motto, may your course be onward and upward, until the highest peak in the imagination of the mind may be reached in this great Empire State of the Union.

Sir, for your kind and hearty welcome, in the name and in behalf of the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, I extend to you, and one and all of your associates, the fraternal thanks and best wishes of that R. W. Body.

Visitation by Grand Lodge of the United States to Public Institutions of New York.

I. O. O. F.

OFFICE CORRESPONDING AND RECORDING SECRETARY,
R. W. G. L. U. S,
BALTIMORE, October 5, 1867.

MY DEAR BRO. NICHOLSON: Oblige me by transmitting at your earliest convenience, your report of the visitation made by the Grand Lodge of the United States, by invitation of our New York brethren, to the several public institutions of that city. Yours, very truly,

JAS. L. RIDGELY, *Corresponding Secretary.*

PHILADELPHIA, October 8, 1867.

MY DEAR BROTHER RIDGELY: Your kind favor of yesterday is at hand. Enclosed please find copy of addresses for the Appendix.

With kindest regards and sincere wishes for your health and happiness,

I remain truly your brother,

JAMES B. NICHOLSON.

On Tuesday, September the 17th, the officers and members of the Grand Lodge of the United States, after a drive through the Central Park, and a visit to the Hebrew Orphan Asylum, visited the Deaf and Dumb Asylum under the charge of Prof. PEET. Among the interesting exercises upon the occasion, six pupils wrote upon the black-board, in the presence of the members of the Grand Lodge, the following addresses of welcome:

This afternoon we have the unexpected pleasure of welcoming to our institution the delegates from every State in the Union composing the Grand Lodge of Odd-Fellows. I believe these Odd-Fellows call their society a secret one, but notwithstanding all their efforts to keep it so, several of their secrets have been discovered. And the one most known is that they make benevolence their principle in nearly everything. We know also that the name of friendship is sacredly cherished by them.

As I looked over their company a few moments ago, I could not find among the number of intelligent faces there, *one* that deserved the name they give their society. It is quite beyond my powers to understand from what the two words "Odd-Fellows" are derived.

I scarcely need say anything about the benefits of such an institution as this. I take it for granted that they know as much of this as any other person, having assisted in many works as noble as that of educating those whose ears are sealed to the sounds of the world, and whose lips can never frame their thoughts into words. One word more—I hope that the intense heat of this afternoon will not make the visit of these gentlemen any the less pleasant.

ANNIE WAGER.

We have the honor of a visit from the delegates representing every State in this Union, and also the British Provinces, in the Grand Lodge of "Odd-Fellows" now holding its session in New York city. We have heard something of this society before; but as we are not members of it, we do not know its secrets. Judging, however, from the looks of these gentlemen, it must be a benevolent one, and we thank them for coming to see the way in which we are educated.

We hope that they will find their visit as pleasant as they expected. When institutions of this kind were first established, many thought that little progress could be made in deaf mute education, but now they find it different; and all may see that God does not forget his creatures. There are many mysterious ways in which he leads them to overcome the difficulties which beset their path, and education is to deaf mutes the greatest of blessings, for it is the only means by which they may obtain communication with their fellow beings.

ELLEN M. DUNNING.

This beautiful September afternoon, it is with feelings of more than ordinary pleasure that we tender a sincere and heartfelt welcome to the members of the Grand Lodge of Odd-Fellows to our noble institution, and, should we fail in our endeavors to please them, we hope that the will may be taken for the deed. We can read in the countenance of our guests assembled here to-day, that they are all men of intelligence and benevolence; and words are powerless to express our gratitude for their interest in us.

We hope that when they return, they will carry as pleasant a memory with them as they will leave behind. Many are the noble deeds of kindness

which they have performed, and it is a happy thought that they will have their reward fer thus sheltering many a human being from the rough winds of adversity. We hope that this Lodge may always grow brighter, and that success may always attend it; and, should a brother depart, may it be to dwell in that place beyond the dark river, where celestial roses bloom.

SARAH C. HOWARD.

It is with feelings of more than ordinary pleasure that we have the honor of extending a cordial welcome to this assembly of distinguished gentlemen, who are delegates of Odd-Fellows' societies from every State in the Union. A society of Odd-Fellows must seem queer to some persons. Yet they may not be so *odd* as they may be thought to be, for we see the delegates are eminent and professional men, who also, I judge, are as benevolent and virtuous as the members of any other societies in the world. We hope that their visit and sojurn here may be perfectly agreeable.

THOMAS H. JEWELL.

We have the pleasure, nay, the honor, of a visit from delegates from every State in the Union, and, also, from the British Provinces, to the society of Odd-Fellows in New York city.

This society, by its acts of benevolence and generosity, has attained a place in the heart of every intelligent American, and though storms of malice and slander may come, yet it will never be rooted out.

Among those who are at present our guests, we behold many intelligent faces which are not all "*odd*," and it puzzles my feeble powers to know how the society came by the name of "Odd-Fellows."

While the late terrible "civil war" was raging, and friend met friend in the heat of battle, not as a friend but a foe, they must have been separated, but now since "peace" has again perched upon our banner, they return and meet each other, and then together sing "Hail Columbia."

We have always sustained, and will continue to sustain, the deepest respect for the society, and now, since they have done us the honor of making us a visit, we will do all we can to make it pleasant, agreeable, and interesting.

F. L. SELINEY.

This afternoon our institution is honored with a visit from a number of delegates from every State in the Union, as well as from the British Provinces, to the Grand Lodge of Odd-Fellows, in the city of New York.

It is seldom that we have the pleasure of welcoming to our school such a large number of gentlemen, and, therefore, the more do we desire that their visit shall be a pleasant one.

It is hardly a century since we were raised from the dark depths of ignorance in which we were so long cut off from the world. Through the agency of good men, we have been furnished with a means of education, and can now no longer be considered unfortunate. It is, therefore, with peculiar pleasure that we welcome to our institution all who we know feel kindly towards us.

ROWLAND B. LLOYD.

Binding Journal Grand Lodge United States, Vol. 5.

I. O. O. F.
OFFICE CORRESPONDING AND RECORDING SECRETARY,
R. W. G. L. U. S.
BALTIMORE, October 4, 1867.

JAMES P. SANDERS, *M. W. Grand Sire:*

MY DEAR BROTHER: At page 4213 Journal, upon the motion of Rep. LAMBERTON, of Pennsylvania, resolutions were adopted looking to the binding of 500 copies of the Revised Journals of 1863, 4, 5, 6 and 7, to constitute volume five, and for the preparation of a suitable index to the same.

The second resolution provides for the appropriation of one hundred dollars to pay for the index, but no appropriation is made for payment for the binding, which will involve about four hundred dollars; neither does it appear that the Committee on Finance have made any appropriation for this binding. I fear this very desirable object will be defeated by reason of the prohibition contained in the second section of the seventh article of the Constitution. Will you please advise me in the premises.

Yours, very truly,

JAS. L. RIDGELY, *Corresponding Secretary.*

I. O. O. F.
OFFICE OF THE GRAND SIRE,
R. W. G. L. U. S.
YONKERS, October 8, 1867.

BRO. RIDGELY: Yours in regard to the "binding of the Journal" is before me. The Grand Lodge no doubt meant to have this work done, and the failure to make the appropriation was no doubt an oversight. I shall certainly recommend that the resolution be carried into effect, and although it may be straining section two of article seven, I think the end will justify the means, and that the Grand Lodge will, at the next session, pass and approve the bill for carrying out their wishes, heretofore unanimously expressed. With my regards, I am, my brother,

Yours fraternally,

JAS. P. SANDERS, *Grand Sire.*

Proposition to Introduce the Order in France.

I. O. O. F.
OFFICE OF THE GRAND SIRE,
R. W. G. L, U. S.
YONKERS, October 7, 1867.

BRO. RIDGELY: I herewith send you all of the correspondence in the *France* matter. I should publish them as correspondence in connection with the Grand Sire's report. It will give answer to some enquiries in regard to the subject matter, and may be interesting in the future for reference, &c. With my best wishes, I am yours, fraternally,

JAS. P. SANDERS, *Grand Sire.*

KEOKUK, IOWA, January 12, 1867.

JAS. P. SANDERS, *M. W. Grand Sire:*

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER: What do you think of the project of visiting Paris next summer and establishing our Order on the shores of sunny France? It strikes me it would be a very favorable time to introduce the subject then. Hundreds of our American fellow-citizens will be there, and among them a large number of our brethren, and it strikes me the thing could be worked up all right. If any one goes, you, as Grand Sire, should go, and if Ridgely can be prevailed upon to accompany you, I think you and he can accomplish the object, if it can be done at all. What do you say? If the subject has not been suggested to you before, think of it. It may not be considered feasible, yet it will bear study.

Yours, fraternally, E. J. LEECH.

ST. LOUIS, December 19, 1866.

DEAR BROTHER RIDGELY: It has been suggested to me that the opportunity of establishing a Lodge of the Order at Paris, during the World's Fair in May next, should be embraced. Doubtless there will be a large number of our Order there who would willingly aid in such an enterprise, if it were attempted, and give to it all the work necessary to make it start well. Could not a sufficient number of petitioners be procured for a charter for a Lodge in Paris, and a competent party be commissioned to institute it? If the proper enquiries were set on foot in time, by correspondence with the principal cities, this might be successful. There are three members of our Order in this city (one of whom is a native of France and an intelligent man and Past Grand) who would co-operate in such an effort, if others could be obtained, and if the Grand Sire would issue the warrant, if the requisite number of petitioners could not be obtained, would not the Grand Sire feel authorized to issue a blank charter, to be filled up at Paris, and the Lodge instituted accordingly by a Special Deputy regularly appointed for that purpose.

Under all the circumstances, and the fact that it is perhaps the only opportunity that will ever occur again to establish our Order in that country, would not such a course be admissible on the part of the Grand Sire, and might he not assume the responsibility of so acting in the premises?

We have our work in the French language, and no difficulty exists on that score.

If this matter could be entrusted to some one of the Grand Officers, (and it is not impossible that one of them might contemplate visiting Paris during the World's Fair,) it would be, perhaps, the better direction to give to it. Some one of the Commissioners already appointed to attend the Fair may be known to you, who is an Odd-Fellow and qualified to undertake the mission—or some one qualified might be appointed as a Commissioner, who could attend to it—perhaps P. G. Sire KENNEDY or NICHOLSON would undertake the duty.

Think of it, correspond with the Grand Sire, and let me hear if you think the idea feasible and practicable.

Yours very truly as of yore,

ISAAC M. VEITCH.

I. O. O. F.

OFFICE CORRESPONDING AND RECORDING SECRETARY,
R. W. G. L. U. S.

BALTIMORE, December 23, 1866.

Referred to the Most Worthy Grand Sire, with the suggestion that the subject is one of great interest, and worthy of serious consideration. It is

more than probable that in the city of New York information could be had of the fact that prominent Odd-Fellows are going out to the Fair, especially among the French members. In such event the experiment might be made. Perhaps Bro. KENNEDY would be a good channel of communication.

With the compliments of the merry season,

Your sincere friend,

JAS. L. RIDGELY, *Corresponding Secretary.*

I. O. O. F.

OFFICE OF THE GRAND SIRE,

R. W. G. L. U. S.

YONKERS, N. Y., January 5, 1867.

J. L. RIDGELY, ESQ., *R. W. Grand Secretary:*

MY DEAR SIR AND BROTHER: Yours of December, enclosing letter of P. G. Sire VEITCH, came duly to hand, and contents and suggestions duly noted. The ideas therein contained and the source from which they emanate, independent of the subject matter, has caused me to examine the same with considerable care and thought. I must confess to you my mind is rather biased. The repeated attempts of our Grand Lodge to introduce our Order into foreign countries, and the entire failure of these attempts, has almost made me come to the conclusion that it was impossible to establish the same with any prospect of success. I sent the communication to Bro. KENNEDY, and asked his advice upon the subject, and with this, you will receive his reply. It is worthy of attention; read it, and give me your views upon it. If our secrets are not to be kept as such, or if we are to have political spies in our Lodge rooms, we would all say our Order could not thrive upon such a soil; but this may not be so at the present time; but institutions such as ours seldom succeed under a form of government as at present exists in France.

I am, my brother, yours, fraternally,

JAS. P. SANDERS, *Grand Sire.*

I. O. O. F.

OFFICE OF THE GRAND SIRE,

R. W. G. L. U. S.

YONKERS, December 31, 1867.

J. A. KENNEDY, ESQ., *P. G. Sire, &c.*

MY DEAR SIR AND BROTHER: I enclose to you a communication, lately received by me. I want your opinion in the matter therein contained. I must admit, from what has heretofore followed our attempts to open Lodges in foreign territory, I have but little faith in this; yet it may be done. I desire, therefore, your opinion, and if the attempt shall be made, I may require your assistance.

With the compliments of the season,

I am, my brother, yours fraternally,

J. P. SANDERS, *Grand Sire.*

NEW YORK, January 4th, 1867.

J. P. SANDERS, ESQ., *M. W. Grand Sire, Yonkers, N. Y.*

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER: Yours of 31st ult. reached me in due course, but the ordinary employment of the season has prevented me from replying until the present moment.

I once was carried away with a prospect of planting our beloved Order in France, and therefore can readily account for the enthusiasm of P. G. Sire VEITCH, as shown in his communication to Grand Secretary RIDGELY, which you have done me the honor of transmitting for my perusal.

Soon after the present Emperor of France had built his throne, I was called on, in this city, by two of his agents sent out here to look after the manner in which the people of this country were kept in order without the aid of a standing army. After having traveled much, they finally came to the conclusion that the contentment of our people was mainly due to the general existence of societies in which the common people participated, and which furnished these classes with both employment and amusement while not engaged at their ordinary occupations, and thus kept them from unnecessarily meddling with public affairs. It appeared to be, and indeed these agents told me so in as many words, that they desired to introduce a change in the habits of the French people by furnishing them a new plaything, and divert their attention from politics of the kind that had heretofore engaged them.

Of course such an agreeable proposal met with my ready acceptance, when the conversation turned on the manner of introducing it in France. They informed me that it would be necessary, in order to succeed, to appear to come directly from the society in the United States; that nothing must be done or said that would imply that the government had any knowledge of its introduction, or even of its existence; that the working people would not take hold of any such thing if they suspected it had government encouragement, but that the French government would defray the reasonable expenses incurred in its establishment. In the early part of the conversation reference was made to the principles of the Order and its beneficial operations; these were heartily approved of. But as we progressed, it became apparent that, by some secret agency, it was the purpose of the gentlemen for the government to retain a hold on and controlment over the entire work of the Order; and to my suggestion that they would find great difficulty in carrying out any such design. They said they supposed it would not be more difficult than it was to do the same thing with the Masons, and that the government was made aware of all the proceedings of every Lodge of the Orient so soon as the meeting closed; that it would be the duty of the government to be sure that nothing took place at any of these meetings that it did not approve.

After one or two interviews I informed these agents that nothing could be done in the direction they desired, and the scheme of extending the Order to France fell through at that time.

I did not deem it advisable to make the matter public then, and I do not know that it would be proper even now. I may have mentioned it to one or two brothers, and among them I may have mentioned it to Bro. RIDGELY, but I am not certain of that.

I felt it was a very delicate matter, and I knew there were some brothers who were even more anxious than I was for extending the Order, and I feared some act of indiscretion, such as took place in California and since in the Sandwich Islands, might take place in France.

By the way, while I was backing out of the offer, I suggested to the agents to apply to the Manchester Unity, when they informed me that the French workmen would not copy any thing from Englishmen, while they were always anxious to do so as to Americans.

From all which you may infer I do not favor the project of P. G. Sire VEITCH.

Very truly yours, &c.,

JOHN A. KENNEDY.

I. O. O. F.

OFFICE CORRESPONDING AND RECORDING SECRETARY,
R. W. G. L. U. S.

BALTIMORE, January 10, 1867.

JAMES P. SANDERS, *M. W. Grand Sire:*

Yours, with enclosures, received. I have read P. G. Sire KENNEDY's letter with some interest and surprise. I had not supposed that, even in France, the system of espionage was carried into the deliberations of mere benevolent societies. This condition of things at once puts the subject to rest. With sincere respect, yours,

JAS. L. RIDGELY, *Corresponding Secretary.*

I. O. O. F.

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IN GRAND LODGE OF UNITED STATES,

September Session, 1867.

Representative Lamberton, of Pennsylvania, moved the following resolutions, which were adopted:

Resolved, That the Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary be directed to have five hundred copies of the Revised Journals for 1863-4-5-6-7, bound in uniform style with the preceding volumes, so as to constitute Vol. V., and, when completed, a copy of said volume be furnished to each member of this Grand Lodge.

Resolved, That the Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary be authorized to employ some competent person to prepare a suitable index for the proposed Vol. V., and the sum of one hundred dollars is hereby appropriated to pay for the preparation of such index.

See Journal, page 4213.

Test,

JAMES L. RIDGELY, C. S.

PREFACE.

In connection with the publication of the fifth volume of the Journal of the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, comprising the annual sessions of 1863-4-5-6-7, the Corresponding Secretary was directed to employ some competent person to prepare a suitable Index to the said volume. In conformity to this direction, the services of Grand Representative Ellis, the author of the Index to the four volumes heretofore published, and also of the Digest, was again availed of, and his labors are herewith presented to the brotherhood.

It will be perceived that the present work follows the plan of the Index to the four preceding volumes; and comprehends a reference to the legislation of the Grand Lodge of the United States from 1863 to 1867 inclusive, thus rendering this, in connection with the Index in the fourth volume, a key to the entire legislation of the Grand Lodge from 1821 to 1867 inclusive.

I am pleased to say, that in so far as information has reached me, Bro. Ellis' labors in this direction have heretofore given general satisfaction, and his present production, it is believed, will prove to be equally worthy of the confidence of the brotherhood.

JAMES L. RIDGELY, C. S.

BALTIMORE, March 10, 1868.

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CONFINED TO

OFFICERS AND MEMBERS

OF THE

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Allison, John Y	Indiana	1863
Andrews, Henry B	Texas	1865-7
Armington, Henry	Rhode Island	1865-6
Allen, William M	California	1866
Adams, Joseph B	New Hampshire	1867
Atwood, Julius	Connecticut	1867
Buckley, Benjamin	New Jersey	1863
Boydston, Wm. L	Nebraska	1863
Bidwell, James E	Connecticut	1863-4
Browne, J. L	California	1863
Burnham, E. P	Maine	1863-4-5-6
Bingham, H. C	Canada West	1863-4
Bridge, Samuel J	Wisconsin	1864
Bohen, G. T	California	1864
Bohen, J. A. J	California	1864
Burgess, James	Indiana	1864
Beisil, George W	Michigan	1864
Burrell, M. S	Oregon	1864
Babcock, C. H	Ohio	1866-7
Babcock, Albert S	Illinois	1866-7
Barnard, F. J	Alabama	1865-6
Barnes, William H	Georgia	1865-6
Barry, Edw. H	Indiana	1864-5-6-7
Buell, W. P	New Hampshire	1864-5
Burwell, D. E	Connecticut	1865
Babcock, Albert S	Illinois	1866-7
Bailey, John H	Pennsylvania	1866-7
Barber, L. K	Mississippi	1866-7
Barron, Q. H	Wisconsin	1866-7
Bartlett, Columbus	California	1866
Banks, E. P	Maine	1866
Beeler, Louis F	Virginia	1866
Bragg, Richard	Arkansas	1866-7
Botsford, Frederick	Connecticut	1866-7
Burton, W. S	Iowa	1866-7
Baker, E. P	Kansas	1867
Bancroft, E. Dana	Massachusetts	1867
Beckett, W. C	Maine	1867
Blair, F. J	Indiana	1867
Burton, John	Vermont	1867
Chidsey, William	Ohio	1863-4-5
Clark, Elisha	Maine	1863
Carleton, J. W	Ohio	1863
Cady, C. G	Kentucky	1863
Cassedy, George W	New Jersey	1863-4

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Campbell, L. M.	Indiana	1864-5
Coleman, T. C.	Tennessee	1864-5-6-7
Cooley, M. H.	Iowa	1864-5
Carter, John W.	Ohio	1866-7
Doe, Ira C.	Maine	1863-4-5-6
Dixon, William N.	Indiana	1863-4
Driscol, John F.	Rhode Island	1863-4-7
Davies, John J.	New York	1863-4-5
Dame, Rev. G. W.	Virginia	1865-6
Dennis, B. W.	Michigan	1865-6-7
Doniphan, John	Missouri	1865-6
Dye, W. G.	Minnesota	1865-6
Damon, George	Florida	1866-7
Deitz, John G.	Georgia	1866-7
Dowden, M. S.	Kentucky	1866-7
Durham, M. J.	Kentucky	1866-7
Dannalls, C. W.	California	1867
Davis, Stillman S.	New Hampshire	1867
Doe, Ira	New Hampshire	1867
Dunlap, J. G.	Louisiana	1867
Escavaille, Joseph B.	Maryland	1863-4-5-6-7
Ellis, F. A.	Maryland	1863-4-5-6-7
Enholm, S. A.	Alabama	1865-7
Farnsworth, E. D.	Tennessee	1863-4-5-6
Foster, F. M.	Michigan	1863-4-5-6-7
Foss, John P.	Illinois	1863-5-6
Fisk, J. F.	Kentucky	1865
Fitzhugh, Edw. H.	Virginia	1865-6-7
Fleming, F. P.	Georgia	1865
Ford, Wm. E.	Massachusetts	1865-6
French, Wm. M.	Indiana	1866
Fithian, Daniel	Ohio	1867
Force, F. R.	New Jersey	1867
Foulk, Wm. H.	Delaware	1867
Griswold, George	Illinois	1863-5-6
Gunn, H. W.	Massachusetts	1863-4
Garrett, William	Iowa	1863
Gilman, J. B.	Michigan	1863-4
Griswold, Jeremiah	Illinois	1864
Garey, Henry F.	Maryland	1865-6-7
Goodrich, St. John	Nebraska	1864-5
Grannis, E. C.	Georgia	1865-6
Gilman, Wm. A.	California	1866-7
Glenn, John B.	Iowa	1866-7
Hyland, Wm. B.	Delaware	1863
Hollis, Thomas C.	Connecticut	1863
Havener, John F.	District of Columbia	1863-4-5-6-7

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Hayden, C. C	California	1863
Hopkins, William H	Pennsylvania	1863-4-5
Hunt, C. W	Michigan	1863
Hovey, A. G	Oregon	1863
Ham, Geo. W	Rhode Island	1863-6-7
Harvey, J. F	Indiana	1865
Hill, W. H	California	1865
Homes, Luther	Louisiana	1865-6-7
Hall, Robert W	Massachusetts	1866
Hochstetler, J. J	Nebraska	1866
Hodges, Samuel W	Massachusetts	1866-7
Hoke, William J	North Carolina	1866-7
Hook, James	Indiana	1866
Hunter, A. Wallace	Louisville	1866-7
Hyland, William L	West Virginia	1866-7
Hastings, S	Kansas	1867
Haupt, James L	Georgia	1867
Hide, John F	Tennessee	1867
Horn, John H	New Jersey	1867
Judd, Stoddard	Wisconsin	1863-4
Jefferson, E. H	Delaware	1863-4
Jones, J. S	Massachusetts	1863-4
Johnson, Amos	Massachusetts	1867
Joseph, T. M	Texas	1867
Kidder, Joseph	New Hampshire	1863
Kay, George J	Delaware	1863-4
Kimball, N. T	New Hampshire	1863
Kimball, Henry	California	1863-4
Kirkup, Joseph	Ohio	1863-4-5-6
Kingsbury, Benjamin J	Maine	1863-4-5-6-7
Lamberton, Robert A	Pennsylvania	1863-4-5-6-7
Leech, Ira J	Iowa	1863-4-5-6-7
Logan, Cornelius A	Kansas	1863-4-5-6-7
Lamb, Joseph L	New Jersey	1863-4
Littlefield, J. H	Tennessee	1863
Leonard, Samuel	Massachusetts	1863
Latham, Hugh	Virginia	1865-7
Landers, R. D	Indiana	1865
Lewis, A. C	Illinois	1864-5
Ladd, C. K	Maine	1867
Love, A. E	Mississippi	1867
Lull, A. G	Illinois	1867
Menzies, J. W	Kentucky	1863
McCarty, T. B	Indiana	1863-7
Marley, Richard	Maryland	1863-4-6-7
McDonald, D	Wisconsin	1865-6

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McFarland, J. S.	New Hampshire	1865-6
McLean, William R.	District of Columbia	1864-5-6-7
Mantz, Alexander K.	Maryland	1864-5
Marvin, C. A.	New York	1865-6-7
Marsh, Charles	California	1865
Mayes, R. B.	Mississippi	1865-6-7
Miller, G. J.	New Jersey	1865-6
Millspaugh, H.	Louisiana	1865
Mitchell, Edward	South Carolina	1865
Merriam, B. S.	Iowa	1864-5
Morse, S.	Vermont	1865-6
Munroe, J. F.	Michigan	1865-6
McKensie, John	South Carolina	1866-7
McKinstry, Alexander	Alabama	1866-7
Maris, Joshua	Delaware	1866-7
Millard, R. G.	New York	1866-7
Milton, Joseph L.	Mississippi	1866
Martin, Joseph G.	South Carolina	1866-7
McClelland, J. A.	California	1867
Mack, H. S.	Wisconsin	1867
Matheson, John	Nova Scotia	1867
Mauro, Charles G.	Missouri	1867
Meeker, David	California	1867
Norcross, Daniel	California	1865-6
Oakes, William	Michigan	1867
Parker, Benjamin N.	New Hampshire	1863-4
Piper, John R.	District of Columbia	1863-4
Page, Herman L.	Wisconsin	1864-5-6-7
Pollard, J. D.	Kentucky	1864-5
Pulsifer, D.	New Hampshire	1865
Pierson, W. H.	Massachusetts	1866-7
Perkins, Henry E.	Texas	1866
Rucker, Edward	Illinois	1863-4
Ransom, A. H.	Kentucky	1864-5-6-7
Rives, J. D.	Indiana	1865
Ross, Theodore A.	New Jersey	1864-5-6-7
Richardson, A. S.	Texas	1866
Raum, John O.	New Jersey	1867
Robinson, Jacob H.	Virginia	1867
Smith, George	New York	1863
Scott, M. B.	Connecticut	1863
Saunders, John T.	Indiana	1863
Sanders, James P.	Northern New York	1863-4
Smiley, Thomas	Tennessee	1863-4-5-6-7
Simpson, J. Alexander	Pennsylvania	1863-4-5-6-7
Schieffer, Jacob F.	Missouri	1863-4-5-6

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Slater, William F	Ohio	1863-4-5-6
Stokes, John W	Pennsylvania	1863-4-5-6-7
Smith, James	Canada West	1865-6
Stratton, James	New Jersey	1865-6
Stuart, Frederic D	District of Columbia	1865-6-7
Sharp, J. W	Delaware	1865-6
Stern, Meyer	Southern New York	1864-5
Swanton, E	New York	1865-6
Smith, John W	Connecticut	1864
Shuster, M. W	California	1864
Steele, Thomas G	West Virginia	1866-7
Sexton, Leonidas	Indiana	1866
Sabine, James E	Nevada	1867
Scott, H. D	Indiana	1867
Smith, J. C	Illinois	1867
Smith, John F	West Virginia	1867
Strong, C. D	Minnesota	1867
Tapping, Isaac	New York	1863-4
Terwilliger, James	New York	1863-4-5-6-7
Tucker, Enos H	Massachusetts	1863-4
Thompson, William H	Missouri	1863-4-5-6-7
Thompson, J. L	Delaware	1865-6
Tower, L. F	Louisiana	1865-6
Tucker, J. C	Massachusetts	1865
Taylor, Christian	Oregon	1866-7
Thayer, William	South Carolina	1866-7
Townsend, G. L	Connecticut	1866-7
Templin, F	Nebraska	1867
Utley, Origin	Connecticut	1865-6
Veitch, Isaac M	Missouri	1863-4-7
Venable, J. W	Kentucky	1867
Veile, Hiram	Ohio	1867
Wright, D. H	Wisconsin	1863
Wilson, Henry O	Wisconsin	1863
Wemmell, William L	New York	1863-4
Williams, J. Fletcher	Minnesota	1863-4
White, John H	New York	1865-6-7
Wood, James	Rhode Island	1864-5
Weeks, George W	New Hampshire	1866
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